

## QUARTERLY ISSUES/PROGRAM REPORT

July 1, 2000 – September 30, 2000

WRC-TV attempts to serve the public interest, convenience and necessity by presenting broadcast material which treats significant issues of the people in the communities served by WRC-TV station. WRC recognizes that it has an ongoing obligation to remain aware of such community issues and to exercise its best judgment as to what broadcast matter should be programmed to treat those needs and interests.

The following is a brief description of such community issues and some of the programs we believe have provided the most significant treatment of such issues during the period July 1, 2000 – September 30, 2000, including the title of such program, its time, type, source, date and duration of broadcast.

NEWS FOUR AT FIVE AND NINE AM, FOUR, FIVE, SIX AND ELEVEN PM. TYPE: News Series SOURCE: Local TIME: 5:00-7:00AM, 9:00-10:00AM, 4:00-5:00PM, 5:00-6:00PM, 6:00-7:00PM, 11:00-11:35PM, Monday – Friday; 6:00-6:30PM, Saturday and Sunday. NEWS 4 TODAY. TYPE: News SOURCE: Local TIMES: Weekdays, 5:00-7:00AM, Saturdays, 6:00-7:00AM, 9:00-10:00AM, Sundays, 6:00AM-8:00AM, and 9:00AM-10:30AM. DURATION: See Times. WRC-TV reporters probe special issues of concern to area residents. **Stories generally appear more than once in the daily newscasts, as they are recapped throughout the day.** WRC-TV initiated, in December 1992, active closed captioning of its news broadcasts. Currently, all regularly scheduled news programs thirty minutes or longer are closed captioned. Also, special news events sometimes are closed captioned, depending on the availability of the transcription service. The word for word transcription service includes chitchat between stories at two hundred plus words per minute, with less than a three-second delay. This effort addresses the needs of more than 300,000 deaf and hard of hearing people in the Washington area.

THE MCLAUGHLIN GROUP. TYPE: Public Affairs SOURCE: Syndicated (Originates from WRC-TV studios) TIME: Saturdays, 7:30-8:00PM, Repeated Sundays, 11:30AM. DURATION: thirty Minutes. This public affairs panel anchored by John McLaughlin, features discussion and analysis of current national and world events by five candid and respected Washington commentators.

ONE ON ONE. TYPE: Public Affairs SOURCE: Syndicated (Originates from WRC-TV) TIME: Sundays, 12:00 DURATION: Thirty Minutes. Host John McLaughlin interviews a prominent political or world leader each week on selected newsworthy issues.

REPORTERS NOTEBOOK. TYPE: Public Affairs SOURCE: Local TIME: Sundays, 6:15-6:30AM. DURATION: Fifteen Minutes. This reporter roundtable, which premiered on October 4, 1992, features discussion of public affairs issues by leading area journalists. The program is part of News 4 Today and usually is hosted by WRC-TV reporter Tom Sherwood. He is joined by journalist Milagros Ardin, WMAL-AM; Dave McConnell, WTOP-AM; and Jerry Phillips, WBIG-FM/WTEM-AM.

VIEWPOINT. TYPE: Public Affairs SOURCE: Local TIME: Sundays, 7:00-7:30AM.  
DURATION: Thirty Minutes. WRC-TV's Joe Krebs hosts this weekly exploration of issues and people impacting the community. The program is part of the two hour News 4 Today news block on Sundays from 6:00-8:00AM. It premiered on November 15, 1992.

## **I. TAKING CARE OF OUR CHILDREN and FAMILY**

Many children in the Washington effort suffer from being denied the opportunity to grow up in a stable home with parents who can care for them emotionally and financially. WRC-TV helps these children directly through its Wednesday's Child project, described below. The station also broadcasts other news stories on the issue of adoption, some of which are described below.

NEWS FOUR AT FIVE PM. – WEDNESDAY'S CHILD. WRC-TV's Barbara Harrison, on selected Wednesdays, features a child or children who need a home, or celebrates a happy ending to an adoption story. In September, Barbara Harrison, with the Council of Governments, launched a program through which viewers may dial a phone number and find out more about adopting a child through any jurisdiction in our viewing area. Some of the stories are repeated on News 4 Sundays at nine AM. Some of the dates in which Wednesday's Child ran were:

July (4/5, 4/12, 4/19, 4/26)

August (8/2, 8/9, 8/16, 8/23, 8/30)

September (9/6, 9/13, 9/20, 9/27)

NEWS 4 July 3 - Studies show only one child in 4 wears a bike helmet. Results show that active police enforcement can increase helmet use.

NEWS 4 July 3 - A new roller coaster opened in Sea World today that goes up to 65 mph

NEWS 4 July 4 - This year marked the 37<sup>th</sup> annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade and party in the Wildwood community in Bethesda, which was started by just a few families years ago.

NEWS 4 July 4 - The Boy Scouts and other local groups took part in the annual Palisades area parade today.

NEWS 4 July 6 - For the first time in 116 years, two sisters are playing each other in Wimbledon

NEWS 4 July 6 - Scientists in London have developed studies to determine if someone is in love

NEWS 4 July 11- Jack Patrick Lindsay III, in the New York area, has taken quite a shine to golf. This morning on the Today Program, the 3-year-old boy, showed off his swing.

NEWS 4 July 11- Great Britain honored Queen Mum's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday by launching a month-long celebration today. The Queen Mum is known as the national grandmother.

NEWS 4 July 11- In the heart of Georgetown, a ruptured gas line forced about 200 people to evacuate from bars and restaurants.

NEWS 4 July 17 - 28 stories were chosen from thousands of entries to be put in a book about how violence has touched children's lives

NEWS 4 July 19- Harry Potter books are now available to visually impaired patrons of the Fairfax County Public Library.

NEWS 4 July 20- A new government survey shows that African-American children are almost twice as likely to die from sudden infant death syndrome.

NEWS 4 July 21- Some 20-thousand Christian teens are in Washington D.C. today to share their struggles and victories as people devoted to Jesus Christ.

NEWS 4 July 27- The L-L Bean Store opens in Tyson's Corner tomorrow. The store features a children's rock climbing wall and a stone hiking ramp.

NEWS 4 July 27- Hundreds of teenaged girls and some weary parents are camping out in the rain tonight to see N-Sync perform at Rockefeller Center tomorrow.

NEWS 4 August 1 - This is the seventh year for NBC 4's "Camp 4 Kids" Campaign.

NEWS 4 August 3 - A 10 year old boy needs a home. He came to this country through a program that brings orphans from abroad to visit an American family considering adoption.

NEWS 4 August 16 - Andre Agassi met with children today at an event sponsored by the Washington tennis and education foundation.

NEWS 4 August 17 - A mother is filing a complaint against the operator of a Jolly Giant ferris wheel because the operator would not let her blind 9-year-old son on the ride without an adult.

NEWS 4 August 18 - Ernestine Jones, head of D.C.'s child welfare system, has filed a federal lawsuit in an attempt to keep local judges from holding her accountable for the agency's performance. No verdict has been reached.

NEWS 4 August 21 - Questions are being raised about the future of little league softball. It is the norm for girls to play, but five boys played on the Arizona team that won the World Series. No action will be taken until the board of directors holds its annual meeting in November.

NEWS 4 August 21 - A study conducted at Hamilton College in Clinton, New York found that young people are overwhelmingly in favor of gun control measures such as licensing and mandatory trigger locks.

NEWS 4 August 23, 24 - Children in Montgomery County have to go to training camp and pass a test in order to patrol traffic when school is let out.

NEWS 4 August 23 - If you want to make a donation to the camp for kids program go to the website [NBC4.COM](http://NBC4.COM) and click on [CAMP4KIDS](http://CAMP4KIDS).

NEWS 4 August 24 - The naval academy in Annapolis is motivating young people by using tools such as aircraft carriers, F-14's and even the laws of physics.

NEWS 4 August 25 - Tomorrow is the 37<sup>th</sup> anniversary of March of Washington and Dr. Martin Luther King's "I Have a Dream" speech.

NEWS 4 August 25- MasterCard did a survey that showed parents spend an average of 500 dollars per child in "back to school shopping."

NEWS 4 August 29 - Prince George's county school superintendent Iris Metts is doing a lot of explaining today. Yesterday, one of the county's school bus drivers got lost while driving home some students from a school in Capitol Heights.

NEWS 4 August 30 - Some people in Fairfax County staged a protest today to try to stop a business from being built on a soccer field.

NEWS 4 August 31 - Starting tomorrow night there will be a change in the teen curfew in the District. No one under the age of 17 will be allowed on the streets between the hours of 11p.m. and 6a.m. during the week and between midnight and 6a.m. on weekends.

NEWS 4 August 31 - Many crossing guards in Arlington will be carrying cell phones for added safety for the children.

NEWS 4 August 31 - Illegal drug use among teenagers is down for the second straight year according to a national household survey on drug abuse that was released today.

NEWS 4 September 4 - In Britain, a life and death decision for a pair of one-month old conjoined twins is now in the hands of an appeals court.

NEWS 4 September 13 - The senate held a hearing today on a recent federal trade commission report that accuses the industry of peddling violent material to children.

NEWS 4 September 14 - The school board in Prince George's County says it still needs another 50 bus drivers to bring it's fleet of 13 hundred school buses up to standards.

NEWS 4 September 20 - Thomas Wootton High School will be closed today because of a power failure and Tilden Middle School will be closed today because of a partial fire. Both schools are in Montgomery County.

NEWS 4 September 25 - Tomorrow the movie "Remember the Titans" will be shown in theatres. This movie is based on a true story that took place in a high school in Alexandria, Virginia.

NEWS 4 September 26 – report on amnesty being offered to thousands of parents who owed millions of dollars in child support.

NEWS 4 September 27 - Virginia's Attorney General says he plans to introduce a proposal to create what are called "safe havens" which are places where women in crisis can leave a newborn.



## II. POLITICAL ISSUES

WRC-TV covers the activities of federal, state and local governments, and other regional organizations in a number of its programs, some of which are described below.

NEWS 4 July 2, 3 - Five National exit poles in Mexico show an edge by the opposition party, which could end a 71 year ruling by the current party. Mexico's ruling party has been defeated. A former Coca-Cola executive was elected the Nation's new President.

NEWS 4 July 3 - A man named Jimmy Carter, who has no relation to the former President, is running for a state Senate seat in Georgia.

NEWS 4 July 3 - The ruling party in Zimbabwe narrowly held on to power in their election.

NEWS 4 July 3 - Vice President Gore campaigned in Missouri, talking about his plan to help senior citizens pay for prescription drugs.

NEWS 4 July 3 - Republican Candidate George W. Bush is spending the 4<sup>th</sup> going over the backgrounds of potential running mates with former Defense Secretary Dick Cheney

NEWS 4 July 4 - The "Fourth of July Hemp Coalition" held its annual rally today in Lafayette Park. The protestors say marijuana should be legalized.

NEWS 4 July 4 - A commercial in Clearwater, Florida with Hulk Hogan urging people to vote has been pulled, because Hulk Hogan is not a citizen of Clearwater.

NEWS 4 July 6 - Public works director Vanessa Burns quit last week.

NEWS 4 July 7 - A technical glitch caused a delay in the Pentagon's missile defense test

NEWS 4 July 10 - The United States will mediate a summit between Israel and the Palestinians at Camp David tomorrow.

NEWS 4 July 10 - George W. Bush addressed the NAACP national convention today

NEWS 4 July 10 - Julian Bond urged the NAACP to vote in November, and said that they would continue to boycott South Carolina

NEWS 4 July 10 - Veterans Affairs Secretary Togo West is resigning

NEWS 4 July 11 - Today is the first day for the new D.C. Fire Chief

NEWS 4 July 11 - Hilary Rodham Clinton addressed the NAACP convention today in Baltimore.

NEWS 4 July 12 - The D.C. City Council passed a bill that requires all employer insurance plans to cover contraceptive for women. Leaders of the Catholic Church want Mayor Anthony Williams to veto this bill.

NEWS 4 July 12 - Freedom Forum offers 100 million dollars to relocate the Newseum from Northern Virginia to the District.

NEWS 4 July 12 - New tapes of interviews with former President Nixon have been released

NEWS 4 July 12 - Vice President Al Gore addressed the NAACP's convention

NEWS 4 July 12, 13, 14, 17 - President Clinton met separately with Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak and Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat at Camp David. President Clinton put Secretary of State Madeline Albright in charge of the talks while he was gone. No progress is being reported at the peace talks. No formal talks are scheduled tomorrow because of the Jewish Sabbath. The White House says the pace of the Mideast summit has quickened

NEWS 4 July 12 - Venessa Burns is resigning as Director of the District public works department. She will be given three months severance pay

NEWS 4 July 13 - President Clinton announced an agreement with Vietnam that will allow normal trade relations

NEWS 4 July 13 - Former singer "Cat Stevens" was denied entry to Israel today because they believe last time he was in Israel, he give money to the militant Islamic group Hamas

NEWS 4 July 13 - President Clinton received an award at the NAACP convention

NEWS 4 July 13 - Former Senator Bill Bradley formally endorsed Vice President Gore

NEWS 4 July 14 - DC school bus drivers threatened to walk off the job today when they weren't paid on time.

NEWS 4 July 14 - Nelson Mandela spoke at the international Aids Conference

NEWS 4 July 17 - Senator Paul Coverdell underwent surgery for a cerebral hemorrhage today.

NEWS 4 July 17 - Bashar Al-Assad officially took his late father's place as President of Syria

NEWS 4 July 17 - 19-year old Princess Meriam Al Khalida of Bahrain used forged military documents to leave her country and marry a US marine. An Immigration judge says she must face charges of illegally entering the U.S. The Embassy of Bahrain in Washington says her family wants her to return home and she will not face charges.

NEWS 4 July 17 - District Mayor Anthony Williams will not say whether or not he will pass a bill that requires all employer insurance plans to cover contraceptives for women

NEWS 4 July 18- A new presidential pole shows Texas Governor W. Bush with a substantial lead over Vice President Al Gore in Virginia.

NEWS 4 July 18- One D.C. candidate is formally complaining that the incumbent is putting up too many signs.

NEWS 4 July 18- Candidates are looking for new ways to mobilize at least ten percent of their resources to the under thirty voters.

NEWS 4 July 18- Caroline Kennedy Schlossberg has agreed to be the one of the principal speakers at the democratic convention in Los Angeles.

NEWS 4 July 18- Virginia Governor Jim Gilmore announced 14 million dollars in transportation initiative to help ease frustrations encountered by commuters.

NEWS 4 July 18, 21- A Republican led tax cut for millions of married couples won final senate approval today. President Clinton says he won't be saying, "I do" to a tax cut.

NEWS 4 July 19- The latest exclusive News 4 Mason Dixon Poll gives Republican and Former Virginia Governor George Allen a ten point lead over two term Senator Chuck Robb.

NEWS 4 July 19- David Gilmore is given credit for the District's Public Housing Authority amazing transformation.

NEWS 4 July 19- The proposed World War II Memorial on the Mall faces one of its last regulatory hurdles tomorrow.

NEWS 4 July 19- Today D.C. Mayor Anthony Williams says the city needs to take another look at the wording in the contraceptives bill.

NEWS 4 July 20- Fire fighter Doug Couvertier of Miami Dade County is begging people not to vote for him, as the new city council. The charter requires winners to resign and Couvertier is eligible for retirement in three years.

NEWS 4 July 20- St. Florian believes that his final concept for the World War II Memorial has been improved over earlier designs, because of all the public input through the regulatory process.

NEWS 4 July 20- Virginia State Senator Emily Couric announced today that she will run for the democratic nomination for Lieutenant Governor. She has just been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer.

REPORTERS NOTEBOOK July 20, 2000 Guests: Pat Muse, Jerry Phillips, Adrienne Washington, Kristi King. Montgomery County Executive Doug Duncan says that he is strongly considering a run to the Maryland governor's office.

NEWS 4 July 21- Activists want the city to do a better job of keeping the Mather Building clean and controlling the rats.

NEWS 4 July 21- Rumors of Senator John McClain could possibly run for the Vice President's slot on the GOP presidential ticket.

NEWS 4 July 21- Senator Paul Coverdell will be laid to rest tomorrow morning after a memorial service in Georgia. Coverdell died Tuesday of a brain hemorrhage.

NEWS 4 July 21- Today the Defense Department unveiled a plan to address harassment of gays in the military.

NEWS 4 July 21- The Army has recommended that former President Teddy Roosevelt be awarded the nation's top military metal.

NEWS 4 July 21- Former South African President Nelson Mandela is using marriage and an old Greek comedy to try to forge a peace deal for the nation of Burundi

NEWS 4 July 21- In the investigation of the Alaska airline crash that killed 88 people, focus is placed on mechanics' decision not to replace a part that was wearing out.

NEWS 4 July 21-25 At the Mideast Peace Talks at Camp Davis, a top Palestinian Official is rejecting a U.S. Plan to break the deadlock over the status of Jerusalem. THE TALKS IN Thurmont Maryland have been going on for 14 days. The Middle East Peace Talks ended without any agreement.

NEWS 4 July 21,24 - Dick Cheney has emerged as the lead candidate for George Bush's running mate. The g-o-p vice presidential candidate will be the former Defense Secretary--Dick Cheney.

NEWS 4 July 24 - Mayor Anthony Williams is defending Robert Newman against reports by the Washington Post that Newman embellished his professional resume to get the job.

NEWS 4 July 24 - Congressional leaders met on Capitol Hill today to talk about a controversial e-mail Surveillance program called Carnivore.

NEWS 4 July 24 - Al Gore picked up a new endorsement today...from the Sierra Club.

NEWS 4 July 25 - Robert Newman is under fire for problems that include everything from trouble at summer camps to deteriorating parks.

NEWS 4 July 25 - The identity of the deep throat remains a mystery.

NEWS 4 July 25 - A group called the People's Involvement Corporation is demolishing six vacant buildings on Georgia Avenue. They plan to build a new commercial building.

NEWS 4 July 25 - A review of citations that ended in 1998 found that 21 percent were issued to minorities who accounted for just 12 percent of the county's population.

NEWS 4 July 25 - Vice President Al Gore presided over the swearing-in ceremony of the new Commerce Secretary Norman Mineta.

NEWS 4 July 25 - Commission 2000 has a plan to use tax incentives to preserve and protect Prince George's County's rural eastern edge.

NEWS 4 July 25 - The Prince George's County Council is debating whether to pass proposals to repeal one or both of the term limits.

NEWS 4 July 26 - The site for a music museum in the District has been selected...9<sup>th</sup> and New York Avenue.

NEWS 4 July 26 - Housing officials estimate there are hundreds of abandoned homes in the District.

NEWS 4 July 26 - President Clinton says he is convinced that peace is possible in the Mideast.

NEWS 4 July 26 - Microsoft contends that U.S. District Judges Thomas Penfield Jackson wrongly concluded the company was engaging in monopolistic business practices.

NEWS 4 July 26 - Senator Paul Sarbanes holds a commanding lead in his re-election race.

NEWS 4 July 26 - The District may have to wait until September to learn the fate of its budget. D.C. Mayor Anthony Williams says the House twisted the city's nearly six billion-dollar spending plan into something D.C. Residents can't accept.

NEWS 4 July 26 - Governor Parris Glendening is currently enjoying his highest job performance rate yet, in six years of office.

REPORTERS NOTEBOOK July 27, 2000 Guests: Pat Muse, Jerry Phillips, Adrienne Washington, Dave McConnell. Maryland governor ordered that the work begin this fall on the Woodrow Wilson Bridge despite a shortfall of at least \$600 million.

NEWS 4 July 28 - Republican candidate George W. Bush and his running mate Dick Cheney are on a campaign swing through Arkansas, Kentucky, Ohio, West Virginia and Pennsylvania.

NEWS 4 July 28 - The District government once again is going to have complete control of the old District Building on Pennsylvania Avenue.

NEWS 4 July 28, 31 - The Democratic National Committee held its rally in Philadelphia today. District mayor Anthony Williams will be on hand in Philadelphia promoting the city and voting rights.

NEWS 4 August 1 - Virginia Governor Jim Gilmore paid a visit to the Maryland delegation in Philadelphia.

NEWS 4 August 1 - In Virginia classrooms, the newly mandated "minute of silence" has been observed for about a month now during summer school session.

NEWS 4 August 1 - A bill before the D.C. Council requiring health insurers to pay for contraceptives.

NEWS 4 August 2 - Ten years ago today, Saddam Hussein's troops invaded the Nation of Kuwait.



NEWS 4 August 2 - NAACP President Hweisi Mfume will not be speaking at the Republican National Convention.

NEWS 4 August 3 - DC's Mayor and members of the city council today got an official tour of the site of the new Washington Convention Center.

NEWS 4 August 3 - The State Department has agreed to reimburse Montgomery County for the money it spent while Elian Gonzalez's father was here.

NEWS 4 August 3 - The Associated Press has learned who's on the short list to be Al Gore's running mate.

NEWS 4 August 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 21, 24 - A desperate situation is unfolding this evening for the crew of a Russian nuclear submarine. A daring rescue attempt is now under way to try to save the lives of 118 sailors trapped in a Russian submarine on the sea floor. A British rescue team is heading to the scene of the Russian nuclear submarine accident. Russian President Vladimir Putin says he feels responsible and guilty for the disaster that killed 118 sailors on the submarine.

NEWS 4 August 15 - The justice department is urging the supreme court to quickly hear Microsoft's appeal of a ruling to split the software giant in two.

NEWS 4 August 15 - D.C. delegate Eleanor Holmes Norton will address the Democratic National Convention.

NEWS 4 August 16 - The democratic national convention continues tonight in Los Angeles.

NEWS 4 August 16 - The British government plans to amend laws banning human cloning to allow scientific research.

NEWS 4 August 16 - Vice President Gore is now in Los Angeles and tomorrow night he will accept the Democratic Party's nomination for president.

NEWS 4 August 17 - The AAA is asking the District to refund money to thousands of people who got caught by a controversial red light camera.

NEWS 4 August 17 - Members of Joe Lieberman's synagogue in D.C. celebrated tonight as Lieberman accepted his nomination.

NEWS 4 August 17 - Independent counsel Robert Ray has said that he would pursue the Lewinsky investigation after the president leaves office in January.

NEWS 4 August 17 - An independent counsel reportedly has empanelled a new grand jury here in Washington to hear evidence against President Clinton in the Monica Lewinsky scandal.

NEWS 4 August 17 - Tonight Al Gore will take the national television spotlight in the speech of his life.

NEWS 4 August 18 - Efforts to move the D.C. government back into its original home have hit a snag.

NEWS 4 August 18- The U.S. Navy Chaplain Corps made history today by naming its first African American chief of Chaplains.

NEWS 4 August 18 - A week before he makes a visit to Africa, President Clinton plans to help establish a trust fund for African AIDS victims.

NEWS 4 August 18 - Less than 24 hours after accepting the democratic presidential nomination in Los Angeles, Al Gore is off and running half way across the country.

NEWS 4 August 21 - Boy Scout offices across the nation were picketed today in protest of the scout's policy concerning homosexuals.

NEWS 4 August 21, 22 - Divers say there are no signs of survivors on the Russian submarine. The families whose men were lost on that sunken Russian submarine are on their way to the Barents Sea, where their loved ones went down.

NEWS 4 August 22 - Gore told 7,000 VFW members that U.S. forces are the strongest and best in the world. And he said if elected, that situation would not change.

NEWS 4 August 23,24 - Attorney General Janet Reno has decided not to appoint a special counsel to investigate Vice President Al Gore's 1996 campaign fund-raising activities.

NEWS 4 August 24 - The Vice President says he wants all American children to have the opportunity to pursue higher education.

NEWS 4 August 25 - DC delegate Eleanor Holmes Norton and some business and civic leaders are working on a plan to re-open Pennsylvania Avenue.

NEWS 4 August 25 - President Clinton in on his way to Africa for his second and final visit to Africa as president.

NEWS 4 August 25 - The commonwealth of Virginia has decided to put both Pat Buchanan and John Hagelin on its presidential ballot.

NEWS 4 August 25 - At Florida International University in Miami, Bush restated his support for economic sanctions on Cuba.

NEWS 4 August 25 - Dozens of police officers in Los Angeles are suing their own department, claiming that they were harassed or fired after they reported misconduct.

NEWS 4 August 25 - There is a new investigation underway into the naval aviators group called the Tailhook Association.

NEWS 4 August 28 - An advisory council on historic preservation is expected to make its recommendations on a proposal to build a new memorial honoring WWII veterans.

NEWS 4 August 29 - President Clinton says he should not be disbarred because of his testimony in the Paula Jones sexual harassment case.

NEWS 4 August 30 - President Clinton went to Colombia to deliver more than one million dollars in aid from the United States.

NEWS 4 August 31 - President Clinton has vetoed the republican bill that would phase out the estate tax.

NEWS 4 August 31 - D.C. Mayor Anthony Williams named John Koskinen as the new deputy mayor and city administrator.

NEWS 4 August 31 - Political scientists claim their mathematical formula for forecasting presidential election results are all but full proof.

NEWS 4 August 31 - The mayor said that utility companies would not be allowed to cut into the streets for a period of five years after paving takes place.

NEWS 4 September 1 - Gore is embarking on a busy weekend of campaign stops, which he calls his "American workathon."

NEWS 4 September 1 - Today, republican candidate George W. Bush is defending a new GOP television ad that attacks Vice President Al Gore's credibility.

NEWS 4 September 1 - President Clinton says now is not the time to start deploying a national missile defense system.

NEWS 4 September 4 - Governor Bush reached a larger audience than he had intended when he made a disparaging comment about a reporter from the *New York Times*.

NEWS 4 September 4 - Vice President Al Gore and Texas Governor George W. Bush worked hard on this Labor Day to court voters in battleground states.

NEWS 4 September 4 - The Gore campaign says it will agree to any debate, but only after Bush commits to all three debates sponsored by the commission.

NEWS 4 September 4 - Members of Congress return to work this week after the summer break.

NEWS 4 September 5 - There is more reaction tonight about an incident that happened yesterday on the campaign trail when George W. Bush used an expletive to describe a reporter for the *New York Times*.

NEWS 4 September 5 - From points across the globe world leaders are arriving in New York for the millennium summit at the United Nations.

NEWS 4 September 5 - Bush want NBC and CNN to do two shows with him and Al Gore, but ABC and CBS aren't buying it.

NEWS 4 September 5 - The United Nations millennium summit begins tomorrow. North Korean leaders announced today that they will not take part in the summit.

NEWS 4 September 5 - At the Pentagon today Germany's minister of defense and several others were injured when a security barrier at the entrance gate unexpectedly went up while their car was driving over it.

NEWS 4 September 5 - Health care for the elderly has become one of the biggest issues in the presidential race and today Texas Governor George W. Bush outlined his prescription drug plan.

NEWS 4 September 6 - There's new trouble tonight for the proposed WWII memorial on the mall. The federal advisory council on historic preservation criticized much of the memorial's design and concluded the memorial should complement not compete with the mall as a whole.

NEWS 4 September 6 - There is an international battle brewing over an American cruise ship in Turkey. The state department says the ship has been ordered to leave a port in Turkey because of local Islamic laws against homosexuality.

NEWS 4 September 7 - The district's board of elections and ethics has reaffirmed a ruling that Mayor Williams violated the city's ethics laws during the recent school-board election.

NEWS 4 September 8 - D.C. general hospital workers and concerned residents from Southeast Washington staged a rally today in front of the Mayor Tony Williams' office.

NEWS 4 September 8 - A federal judge is expected to issue a decision fairly soon on the Virginia's new minute of silence.

NEWS 4 September 8 - White House press secretary Joe Lockart is leaving his post.

NEWS 4 September 8 - Democrats are savoring new polls that show Al Gore has caught up to George W. Bush and in some surveys is even overtaking him.

VIEWPOINT September 10 Guests: Adrian Fenty, Candidate Ward 4, D.C. Council, and Charlene Drew Jarvis. Everybody around town is talking about the Ward 4 D.C. Council Race, the post generation class, Jarvis, 59 is seeking her 6<sup>th</sup> full term on the council and Fenty, 29 is a former aide to Kevin Chavous.

NEWS 4 September 11 - There is still new development in a controversy concerning the construction of a new television tower in Northwest Washington.

NEWS 4 September 12 - A GOP television commercial got a lot of attention today because of the word "RATS" that quickly flashed on the television screen on homes across the country.

NEWS 4 September 12 - Voters in Selma, Alabama made history today by electing the first black mayor.

NEWS 4 September 12 - The federal election commission has decided that Pat Buchanan is the official reform party candidate.

NEWS 4 September 12 - Residents of the District are voting in a citywide democratic primary today.

NEWS 4 September 12 - The House of Representatives is set to vote at this hour on a bill that would repeal the Boy Scout's federal charter.

NEWS 4 September 12 - Robb is still trailing former Virginia Gov. George Allen in the polls.

NEWS 4 September 13 - Listeners of the Tom Joyner radio show heard a different kind of broadcast this morning. Instead of music and jokes the show was a four-hour town meeting with prominent African American as part of the black agenda tour 2000.

NEWS 4 September 13 - A new book about President Clinton's impeachment ordeal reveals more of what went on inside the White House and Congress.

NEWS 4 September 13 - First Lady Hillary Rodman Clinton had her first formal debate against Rick Lazio, her opponent in the New York senate race.

NEWS 4 September 13 - A house committee today approved the idea of building a monument to former President Ronald Reagan on the mall.

NEWS 4 September 13 - The design for a new memorial honoring Dr. Martin Luther King Junior was unveiled tonight.

NEWS 4 September 14 - President Clinton is criticizing members of his own administration for the handling of the Wen Ho Lee case.

NEWS 4 September 14 - President Clinton is planning a trip to Vietnam after the presidential election.

NEWS 4 September 15 - The debate over the debates is over. After two weeks of disagreements Governor George W. Bush and Vice President Al Gore agreed to meet in three debates sponsored by a bipartisan panel.

NEWS 4 September 15 - The House of Representatives narrowly passed a new budget bill for the district today, but it's likely the bill will be vetoed.

NEWS 4 September 16 - Vice President Al Gore spoke at Howard University and acknowledged the students' grief over the loss of a classmate known on campus for his mentoring and community work.

VIEWPOINT September 17 Guests: Isaac J. Gourdine, Michael Steele. Discussed the referendum that will appear on the November ballot in Prince George's County that will determine whether term limits should continue in the county.



NEWS + September 19 - A coalition of Indian tribes from Virginia was on Capital Hill today to press for federal recognition.

NEWS + September 19 - There could be some problems for another hospital in the district. Nurses at the Washington Hospital center are deciding whether to strike. The union representing the nurses and the hospitals are at odds on the issues of pay raises, forced overtime and staffing levels.

VIEWPOINT September 20 Guests: Dr. Ivan Walks, Sandy Allen. Discussed D.C. health issues including the D.C. General Hospital restructuring, medical conditions at the D.C. jail and school lunch programs and food warehouses.

NEWS + September 20 - Federal workers, retirees and their families will have a new insurance option because of a bill President Clinton signed today. The bill gives federal employees the option of purchasing long-term care insurance.

NEWS + September 20 - A complaint has been filed against one of the candidates in the district's first citywide election to choose a school board president. School board races are supposed to be non-partisan and one of the candidates included her political party.

NEWS + September 21, 22 - Some experts believe it might be possible to solve one of the remaining mysteries of the Watergate era. New technology might be able to discover what was said during the 18-minute gap in a White House tape that was erased during the Watergate scandal.

NEWS + September 21 - George Allen still has a commanding 20-point lead among men, but Chuck Robb has now edged ahead with women, but only by six percentage points.

NEWS + September 22 - Six Cubans who survived a plane crash in the Gulf of Mexico are now staying with relatives in Miami.

NEWS + September 22 - Polls show Virginia's senate race is tightening and there seems to be a corresponding trend, a surge in campaign ads on television.

NEWS + September 23 - President Clinton ordered the sale of 30 million barrels of oil from the U.S. government's "strategic petroleum reserve."

NEWS + September 26 - Unofficial results signal defeat for the President Slobodan Molosevic in Yugoslavia's first direct presidential election.

NEWS + September 26 - The candidates for Virginia's U.S. Senate seat faced off again today. It was their second debate in less than 24 hours.

NEWS + September 26 - It was 40 years ago today that the first televised presidential debate took place.

NEWS 4 September 26 - Car tax relief in Virginia is costing more than expected and an auditor is questioning the way the Gilmore administration recently paid for it.

NEWS 4 September 27 - The District's new fire chief is facing the city council this hour.

NEWS 4 September 28 - In Alexandria the city council voted on a new master plan including whether to set aside recreational areas for residents to exercise their dogs.

NEWS 4 September 28 - Al Gore says he'll go along with George W. Bush's challenge to bar all TV and radio ads paid for with unregulated soft money.

NEWS 4 September 29 - The secret service has agreed to reopen two-way traffic south of the White House. The street should reopen by December.

### III. HEALTH

WRC-TV covers issues related to health care, maintaining and improving health, and health-related breakthroughs.

NEWS 4 July 3 - Studies by the National Kidney foundation show that the calcium that dialysis patients take can cause arteries to harden. The foundation says the study shows the importance of adhering to special diets for kidney patients

NEWS 4 July 4 - Researchers at the University of California say that women who take oral contraceptives run a slightly higher risk of suffering a stroke

NEWS 4 July 4 - A new study concludes that late stage dementia is a terminal condition.

NEWS 4 July 6 - The government has approved the use of Prozac to treat premenstrual syndrome under the name of Sarafem

NEWS 4 July 11 - A global conference is being held in South Africa to draw attention to the severity of the AIDS and HIV epidemic there.

NEWS 4 July 10, 11 - Doctors are saying that women can take the pill continually and reduce their periods from once a month to four times a year. Doctors are still unsure of long term effects.

NEWS 4 July 12 - Elan Pharmaceuticals made a vaccine that could battle Alzheimer's Disease. The vaccine appears to be free from serious side effects.

NEWS 4 July 12 - A new technique is being tested to restore eyesight by replacing a person's cornea

NEWS 4 July 12, 13 - The FDA has approves a new robotic procedure that will assist surgeons in laparoscopic surgery for gall bladder and heartburn disease. Doctors in Richmond Virginia used the procedure to remove a woman's gall bladder

NEWS 4 July 13 - A new study has found that Nonoxynol-9 may actually increase a woman's risk of contracting AIDS.

NEWS 4 July 13 - The Pentagon is cutting back its Anthrax immunization program, the maker of the vaccine can't supply enough to meet the military's demands

NEWS 4 July 13 - Doctors in Bogota Colombia successfully removed a live grenade from a soldier's leg

NEWS 4 July 14 - A Civil jury in Florida decided that cigarette companies should pay nearly \$145 billion to thousands of people who say smoking has made them sick.

NEWS 4 July 17 - A conference going on in Atlanta is discussing "how clean is too clean?" Experts are saying that anti-bacterial products are killing off good bacteria as well

NEWS 4 July 17 - Virginia Governor George Allen says as senator he could expand the national database of criminal DNA samples

NEWS 4 July 17 - Wireless phones will soon come with radiation warnings.

NEWS 4 July 18- An ammonia leak forced a Coca-Cola Plant in Alexandria to evacuate.

NEWS 4 July 18- Doctors are saying that for those who are severely over weight...losing pounds requires managing your life, both physically and mentally.

NEWS 4 July 18- Millennium Health Communications of Reston has made an offer to merge with Doctor Koop Dot Com Website.

NEWS 4 July 19 - Two new studies suggest that sigmoidoscopy may miss up to half of all malignant tumors.

NEWS 4 July 19- Pulitzer Prize winning columnist Art Buchwald has been released from Georgetown University Medical Center.

NEWS 4 July 21 - New studies show that more and more people are cheating on their spouses by becoming involved in "virtual affairs".

NEWS 4 July 21 - A new helipad was dedicated today at Prince George's Hospital Center

NEWS 4 July 21- Dick Cheney's doctors tell the Bush campaign that Cheney can handle the stress of a presidential election despite suffering from tree heart attacks and a quadruple bypass.

NEWS 4 July 25 - Some doctors say the game of golf may provide valuable insight into ways to help people recover from strokes.

NEWS 4 July 26 - A new study raise the possibilities that people who drink a lot if coffee may be more likely to develop rheumatoid arthritis.

VIEWPOINT July 26 Guests: Rev. Kenneth Ballard, Keleigh Matthews, Lawrence D'Angelo. Discussed issues of HIV, AIDS and teenagers.

NEWS 4 July 26,27 - A deadly West Nile virus forced authorities in New York City to postpone an outdoor concert and close Central Park this week. The virus is carried by crows... and spreads to humans through mosquitoes.

NEWS 4 July 28 - Researchers at NIH studied lab rats to find that premature babies that experience pain while very young were more sensitive to pain as they got older.

NEWS 4 July 31 - Researchers have a new idea that might help diabetics that have to take insulin injections every day.

NEWS 4 July 31 - A new study suggests that women aren't that only ones with a biological clock...men apparently have one as well.

NEWS 4 August 1 - At Howard University today, the "National Minority Organ Tissue Transplant Foundation Program" held a news conference.

NEWS 4 August 1 - Today the Food and Drug Administration approved the first single dose drug to treat children who have Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder.

NEWS 4 August 2 - Stroke is the nation's number three killer and one of the leading causes of disability.

NEWS 4 August 2 - Doctors say the condition of former President Gerald Ford is improving.

NEWS 4 August 2 - The East Coast is facing one of the worst mosquito outbreaks in years.

NEWS 4 August 3 - Researchers at the National Institute of Health and MIT made a new discovery about melanoma, a deadly form of skin cancer.

NEWS 4 August 3 - An Atlanta-based company has developed an artificial heart valve... the SynerGraft valve. They think the valve will grow and change with a patient.

NEWS 4 August 3 - It is estimated that at least 3 million Americans suffer from lymphedema, a disorder of the lymph nodes.

VIEWPOINT August 13 Guests: Michael J. English. Discussed different mental issues.

NEWS 4 August 14 - A new study suggests it's the caffeine boost, not the taste, that keeps most soda drinkers hooked.

NEWS 4 August 15 - A new study finds that paying more attention to sleep when we're younger could help slow the aging process.

NEWS 4 August 15 - The American Heart Association is out with new emergency procedures to help people who have suffered a heart attack.

VIEWPOINT August 15 Guests: Diana Shnitzler, Laura L. Tosi, Leslie Hayes. The causes and prevention's of Osteoporosis among women.

NEWS 4 August 16 - Japanese scientists say a newly cloned piglet may hold the key to organ transplants in humans.

NEWS 4 August 16 - It turns out the body could have a warning system for the early detection of Alzheimer's.

NEWS 4 August 16 - The associated press is reporting that Arizona Senator John McCain has Skin Cancer.

NEWS 4 August 16 - Researchers in Chicago say they have made a connection between gaining weight and sleep.

NEWS 4 August 16 - About half of all deaths from coronary heart disease are sudden and unexpected, regardless of underlying conditions.

NEWS 4 August 17 - The manufacturer for Norplant birth control implants are issuing a warning not to prescribe implants that have been shipped since last October.

NEWS 4 August 17 - As alternative medicine becomes more mainstream many pediatricians are turning to acupuncture.

NEWS 4 August 17 - 75-year-old Coolidge Winesett is in stable condition after falling in his outhouse Saturday.

NEWS 4 August 18 - A Florida grandmother, Tillie Tooter, survived after being in her car that was stuck in a swamp for 80 hours.

NEWS 4 August 18 - A new Harvard study finds that job stress can be just as deadly as smoking.

NEWS 4 August 18 - Arizona Senator John McCain says he will undergo surgery tomorrow as a treatment for his skin cancer.

NEWS 4 August 21 - Brain researchers and NASA, the space agency, have come with an imaginative way to treat attention deficit disorders in children.

NEWS 4 August 21 - Colleges and Universities across Virginia are urging incoming students to get vaccinated against meningitis.

NEWS 4 August 21 - Scientists in Israel say they have figured out a way to prevent jellyfish stings.

NEWS 4 August 22 - Some researchers are taking a look at what they say may be the health benefits of coffee.



NEWS 4 August 22 - Where you live could determine how long you live.

NEWS 4 August 24 - Government health experts say diabetes is increasing at an alarming rate in the U.S., especially among young people.

NEWS 4 August 24 - A new study suggests that infants who are exposed to other children and their germs may be less at risk of developing asthma later on.

NEWS 4 August 24 - President Clinton is praising new federal guidelines that allow federally funded scientists to perform some highly controversial research.

NEWS 4 August 24 - The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reports that there will be a nationwide delay in the production and delivery of the flu vaccine.

NEWS 4 August 24 - Army scientists from Fort Detrick, Maryland are joining in the battle against the West Nile Virus.

NEWS 4 August 24 - Tree experts say there is a fungicide that inhibits the growth of Dutch Elm Disease, but it is expensive, costing several hundred dollars per tree.

NEWS 4 August 25 - A new study reveals that the snack food you pick has something to do with your personality.

NEWS 4 August 25 - PETA, an animal rights organization, has some new billboards that have many people in upset including New York Mayor Rudolph Giuliani.

NEWS 4 August 25 - The bacteria that causes Legionnaire's disease has been found at St. Joseph Medical Center in Towson, Maryland.

NEWS 4 August 25 - The Public Benefit Corporation has agreed not to close DC General Hospital.

NEWS 4 August 25 - Dr. Jack Kevorkian will have to stay in prison while he appeals his second-degree murder conviction.

NEWS 4 August 25 - DC police are trying to identify a woman who apparently collapsed while jogging and is in critical condition.

NEWS 4 August 28 - Researchers from two area universities have won grants of 20 million dollars each to develop a new measles vaccine.

NEWS 4 August 29 - Ragweed season could be worse than ever because the unusually rainy summer makes weed grow.

NEWS 4 August 29 - Attorneys for President Clinton filed his response to the disbarment lawsuit that has been filed against him.

NEWS 4 August 30 - An offer has been made that would combine the political arena with a wrestling arena.

NEWS 4 August 30 - Protesters staged a demonstration in hopes of saving a soccer field in Fairfax County in hope that it won't be the site of a new pharmacy.

NEWS 4 August 30 - Scientists may be on the road to making a decaffeinated coffee that tastes like the real thing.

NEWS 4 August 30 - A new study suggests that a drug that is widely used to prevent brittle bones in women also works for men.

NEWS 4 August 31 - Researchers in England are beginning trials of a vaccine they hope will target a strain of AIDS that's ravaging Africa.

NEWS 4 August 31 - The latest research on diet and cancer reinforces an old theory and puts the notion that red wine helps lower your cancer risk in some doubt.

NEWS 4 September 1 - A new study finds that a drug that's been around for 30 years can help stroke patients recover their speech.

NEWS 4 September 1 - Concerns about the dangers of second hand smoke have encouraged some cigarette companies to develop what they call "smokeless cigarettes."

NEWS 4 September 1 - The West Nile Virus that killed seven people in New England is making its way south.

NEWS 4 September 4 - It appears a type of bad cholesterol we don't hear much about can dramatically increase a person's risk of a heart attack.

NEWS 4 September 4 - A researcher studying the central nervous system may have stumbled upon a discovery that could eventually lead to a treatment for Parkinson's disease.

NEWS 4 September 5 - A new study suggests that there is a link between ear infections and long terms pacifier use by infants.

NEWS 4 September 5 - A new study concludes that sharing a bed or a couch with a baby raises the infant's chances of suffocation or sudden death syndrome.

NEWS 4 September 5 - The American Academy of pediatrics says girls should be watched closely to be sure their training does not include poor eating habits that could result in damaging bone loss.

VIEWPOINT September 5 Guests: Barbara Chinn, Michaela Harrison, and Kevin Mischka. Discussed AIDS, the disease and the annual walk in Washington.

NEWS 4 September 7 - A senior congressman from Virginia is pushing a bill that would give citizens access to a government database that contains information about doctors.

NEWS 4 September 8 - The University of Virginia school of medicine has received a 20 million dollar grant for prostate cancer.

NEWS 4 September 11 - Production problems have delayed distribution of the new flu vaccine across the country.

NEWS 4 September 12 - A new study finds that it could take just a few cigarettes to get hooked.

NEWS 4 September 12 - The federal government says that a new study concludes that the relatively new chicken pox vaccine is a safe and effective way to prevent the childhood disease.

NEWS 4 September 15 - A group of government scientists is recommending that the ban on gay men donating blood remain in effect.

NEWS 4 September 16 - Researchers say a new vaccine to treat prostate cancer is showing promise.

NEWS 4 September 16 - The food and drug administration has approved a new drug to treat people who have the AIDS virus.

NEWS 4 September 21, 22 - Maryland Governor Parris Glendening says the state will increase monitoring for the West Nile Virus. Maryland officials say they will start spraying almost immediately, hoping to avoid the spread of the West Nile Virus. The discovery of the West Nile Virus in Maryland has prompted Virginia to step up its monitoring for the virus.

NEWS 4 September 23 - A greater southeast hospital is giving patients bottled water because the hospital is concerned about their water supply.

VIEWPOINT September 23 Guest: Dr. Ivan C.A. Walks. Discussed D.C. health issues.

NEWS 4 September 27 - Patients at ten hospitals here in the district will no longer use those old mercury thermometers because the hospitals have agreed to switch to digital thermometers.

NEWS 4 September 27 - Researchers say women who eat a lot of whole grain foods can significantly reduce their risk of strokes.

NEWS 4 September 28 – A new report stresses the need for increased programs to prevent the spread of AIDS.

NEWS 4 September 29 – The West Nile Virus is moving south and with the cold weather the danger could move well past our area.

#### **IV. VIOLENCE/CRIME**

WRC-TV regularly covers issues related to crime, crime prevention, and anti-violence activities.

NEWS 4 July 2, 3 - Two students at the US Naval academy are under investigation for the alleged rape of a female midshipman. Two midshipmen were charged with second-degree rape today.

NEWS 4 July 3 - The Maryland State police are launching an immediate enforcement campaign aimed at the drivers of motorcyclists, they are calling it "Operation Rocket Roundup"

NEWS 4 July 3 - A 20-year old man was shot in the shoulder while walking his dog in Germantown. The injury was non-life threatening and police are trying to figure out who shot him.

NEWS 4 July 4 - The gunman in Santa Monica California who was holding hostages in an arcade surrendered.

NEWS 4 July 6 - Charles Bakaly, a former spokesman for Kenneth Starr will go on trial next week, charges with criminal contempt

NEWS 4 July 6 - The judge in the Columbine case released more than 45 hours of 9-1-1 dispatch tapes.

NEWS 4 July 6 - Flight Attendant unions have declared a day of action today against passengers with violent or disruptive behavior

NEWS 4 July 6 - James Perry, was put on death row in 1993. His second trial will begin February 5<sup>th</sup>

NEWS 4 July 6, 7 - The possible suspect in the murder of Kevin Schiflett will be in court tomorrow for charges unrelated to the killing. A Fairfax County judge revoked his bond today

NEWS 4 July 7 - Major General Larry Smith who is accused of sexually harassing Lieutenant General Claudia Kennedy says he wants to retire September first

NEWS 4 July 7 - The body of Cory Erving, the son of basketball player Julius Erving was found last night in a car at the bottom of a pond near the family's home. Authorities say it looks like an accident.

NEWS 4 July 7 - Former DC police officer Derrick Brown was convicted of raping a 14 year-old girl and sexually assaulting a 24 year-old girl.

NEWS 4 July 7 - Beverly Isler of Prince George's county is missing. Police say she kidnapped her son.

NEWS 4 July 7 - Police are looking for Christian Johnson who is suspected of sexual assault

NEWS 4 July 10, 12 - Kenneth and Patrick Welch, two D.C. landlords will sell their building and give the tenants association \$275,000 to renovate it. Charges against Patrick Welch were dropped.

NEWS 4 July 10 - Steven Pullman has been indicted for \$800,000 for an embezzlement scheme

NEWS 4 July 10 - Arlington Police have arrested a 36-year old man in the murder of a woman today

NEWS 4 July 11- Yesterday the board of supervisors agreed to consider ordinance banning gunfire within 100-150 yards from residents.

NEWS 4 July - A crime bill dubbed "Aimee's Law" passed in the house today. States would forfeit \$1000.00 in federal law enforcement funds, for releasing violent offenders, who go on to commit other crimes.

NEWS 4 July 12 - ATM's now have a panic button that links directly to the 911 emergency system.

NEWS 4 July 12- Even though a judge threw out drug charges against him, the possible suspect in the Kevin Shifflett murder case will remain behind bars.

NEWS 4 July 12 - Congressman Patrick Kennedy has offered \$25,000 to the airport security guard who accused him of battery but the woman rejected the offer.

NEWS 4 July 12 - Shane Deleon was sentenced to 20 months to 5 years in jail. He was convicted of negligent homicide in the death of Matt Odell

NEWS 4 July 13, 14 - A man and a woman driving on the outer loop in Virginia were shot at. Police say they know who their attacker was. Two arrests have been made.

NEWS 4 July 13, 14 - Brenda Epley pleaded guilty to manslaughter in April, she was convicted of the murder of a 2-year old she was babysitting that died in her car last summer. She was sentenced to seven years in prison

NEWS 4 July 13 - The group of eight summits takes place in Japan next week.

NEWS 4 July 13 - Former Olympic athlete Ben Johnson had his wallet stolen in Rome today, he did not catch the woman who stole it.

NEWS 4 July 13 - The family of Raynard Johnson is calling for a federal investigation into his death. The family believes it was a hate crime.

NEWS 4 July 13, 14 - Charles Bakaly went on trial today. He is being charged with contempt and misleading a judge about news leaks during the Clinton impeachment trial. A FBI agent testified today that lawyers in Ken Starr's office took a straw pole on whether the president should be indicted.

NEWS 4 July 13 - Robert Paul Lucas was indicted on first degree murder charges in the death of Monsignor Thomas Wells

NEWS 4 July 13 - An investigation is underway of an alleged police beating caught on videotape in Atlanta

NEWS 4 July 14 - Friends and Family of Alison Thresher of Bethesda are turning to the internet for help in finding her

NEWS 4 July 14 - James Stedham, the food services foreman at Eliot Junior High School was arrested today, accused of stealing \$1200 worth of cafeteria food.

NEWS 4 July 14 - The Justice Department has opened investigation into a police beating in Philadelphia that was videotaped by a television station. The NAACP says it will help file a lawsuit on behalf of the suspect who was beaten

NEWS 4 July 14 - Hundreds of local and federal agents conducted a massive drug raid in the District today.

NEWS 4 July 14 - A jury in Waco says the government is not responsible for the deaths of 80 branch Davidians.

NEWS 4 July 14 - Police in Prince George's county released a photograph of a man who robbed four businesses in one day

NEWS 4 July 14 - A 16 year-old us hospitalized in critical condition after being shot in the chest in Gaithersburg.

NEWS 4 July 14 - Authorities in Howard County have found a cache of heavy military weapons in Ellicott City Maryland.

NEWS 4 July 14 - Investigators in Florida say they caught 2 airport workers in the act of stealing airline liquor

NEWS 4 July 14 - Ricardo Aspillaga from Arlington entered a guilty plea in the death of a law student from George Washington University

NEWS 4 July 14 - Police in Fairfax County are looking for two men who may have been involved in at least 2 carjackings recently

NEWS 4 July 17 - New evidence has been found in the double murder that took place in Fairfax County three years ago. DNA evidence has been recovered from a gardening glove found in their stolen car

NEWS 4 July 17 - Lucille Shropshire was killed early Saturday evening in her car. Police say there's no obvious motive for the murder

NEWS 4 July 17 - Prince George's County Police have arrested a man suspected in at least 10 armed robberies

NEWS 4 July 17 - A 35 year-old woman has reported being raped by three men in Fairfax County



NEWS 4 July 18- 18-year-old Charles Patrick Tucker is accused of shooting 11-year-old Christopher Reed. Police say the suspect told them the shooting was an accident.

NEWS 4 July 18- Virginia's first-in-the nation DNA databank is helping police crack big cases.

NEWS 4 July 18- Corwin Edwards is charged with reckless endangerment for leaving his 3-year-old daughter in the hot, locked car yesterday... while he went to a movie.

NEWS 4 July 18- Arlington police are stepping up their call for the public's help to find the killer of David Butler, an editor at the *Stars and Stripes Newspaper*.

NEWS 4 July 18- Stephano Spaghetti of Bolgna Italy, was arrested for helping himself to a free tortellini binge in a closed pasta shop.

NEWS 4 July 19- Today the man described as a possible suspect in the murder of Kevin Shifflett was convicted in court on an unrelated matter.

NEWS 4 July 19- The parents of David Shick are coming to Washington for a disciplinary hearing at Georgetown University.

NEWS 4 July 19- Basketball legend Karim Abdul Jabbar spent the night in a California jail, after being arrested for drug charges.

NEWS 4 July 19- Daniel Garret, a retired officer of the Fairfax County Police Department, pled guilty today to stealing about \$330,000 from his department.

NEWS 4 July 20- Tonight a vigil was held near the U.S. Capitol in honor of Aurthur Warren, a gay black man, who was beaten to death on July 4<sup>th</sup>.

NEWS 4 July 20- Two teenagers, Mark Anthony Connor and Thurmond Wilson, are in custody in connection with an attempted armed robbery that was captured in a surveillance camera.

NEWS 4 July 21- Barbara Graham was arraigned in D.C. Superior Court today for accusations of attempted murder. Police said Graham used her son's handgun in the shooting.

NEWS 4 July 21- Jonathan Taylor Spielberg got probation instead of prison for forgery. He spent over a year posing as Steven Spielberg's nephew.

NEWS 4 July 21 - Adolfo Wittgreen, a gym teacher at Rockville High School, has been arrested for inappropriate sexual conduct with students. Police believe there may be more victims.

NEWS 4 July 21- Kim Jones of Springfield, is facing criminal charges for leaving three small children in a hot, locked van.

NEWS 4 July 21- Police want help in finding Fidel Coreas, who shot 36-year-old Maria Segovia to death.

NEWS 4 July 21- An infra red camera was used to locate a 2 alarm blaze at the Meyer Construction Company. Fire Officials say the camera is expensive, but worth the price.

NEWS 4 July 21- Today a former waitress at a Hooters restaurant won \$275,000 in a sexual harassment case.

NEWS 4 July 21- Antonio Oseby was sentenced to twenty-five years to life for sexually assaulting a Capitol Hill woman.

NEWS 4 July 21- Cordrea Brittingham and Arion Williams, two midshipmen at the Naval Academy in Annapolis were indicted today on charges that they sexually assaulted a female midshipman.

NEWS 4 July 21- A mural portraying Harriet Tubman has been defaced with racial epithets and swastikas

NEWS 4 July 21- Montgomery County police are searching for the man who held up a McDonald's restaurant in Gaithersburg yesterday.

NEWS 4 July 24 - Of the six hostages held by Jamie Petron, a murder suspect, authorities now say one of the hostages may have been shot by police.

NEWS 4 July 24,26 - Russell Weston Jr. is accused of the attack that killed two Capitol police officers. A hearing to determine if Russell Weston Jr. should be forced to take anti-psychotic medication will be scheduled tomorrow.

NEWS 4 July 24 - The Disciplinary Board at Georgetown University made its decision as to whether any students will be punished for the death of David Shick.

NEWS 4 July 24 - Police in Montgomery County are still looking for clues in the mysterious death of Lynn Mote from Poolesville.

NEWS 4 July 24 - A \$10,000 reward is being offered for information in the murder of John Worthington. Worthington was killed in Adams Morgan over the weekend.

NEWS 4 July 25 - Today Chief Charles Moore of the Montgomery County, announced changes in policies and procedures that will help reduce the perception that minorities are treated unfairly.

NEWS 4 July 25 - Police in Montgomery County are trying to identify a man they want to speak with concerning the disappearance of Alice Thresher. Police say the man is not a suspect.

NEWS 4 July 25 - Police in Alexandria are investigating a vandalism incident at the oldest Catholic Church in Virginia.

NEWS 4 July 25,26 - The Washington Post is reporting that Kevin Shifflett's blood was found on a check that was made out to the potential suspect. Blood from the possible suspect was also found in the cab.

NEWS 4 July 25 - Today a confessed pedophile was sent away to jail for a long time.

NEWS 4 July 26 - The mysterious death of Nancy Cambell-Panitz was possibly linked to her appearance on the "Jerry Springer Show".

NEWS 4 July 26 - Agents confiscated 11-hundred pounds of ecstasy with a street value of more than 4 million dollars. Authorities say they think the drugs seized came from Amsterdam by plane on Saturday.

NEWS 4 July 26,27 - A federal judge in California has ordered the shutdown if the controversial computer program--Napster. The Recording Industry Corporation of America is suing Napster for alleged copyright infringement.

NEWS 4 July 26 - Robert Gage, a former teacher from Prince George's County has pleaded guilty to a host of charges stemming from a vandalism spree he went on with two of his students. He faces up to 11-years in jail.

NEWS 4 July 27 - Police say a man armed with a handgun is holding a pilot and co-pilot hostage on board a National Airlines Jet.

NEWS 4 July 27 - A black, leather bound address book, inscribed with the words "Maryland Club Rye" is missing from the Titanic.

NEWS 4 July 27 - The American Civil Liberties Union filed the class-action lawsuit today against the District and Federal Governments.

NEWS 4 July 27 - A sixth grader who falsely accused a teacher of sex abuse has been found guilty of making a false statement and conspiracy.

NEWS 4 July 27 - Louis Boockoff was arrested yesterday for sexually assaulting two teen-agers in Fairfax County.

NEWS 4 July 27 - The Federal Trade Commission signed off on a proposal today that would ensure electronic privacy.

NEWS 4 July 27 - Police in Prince George's County are trying to find out more about a cache of weapons and bomb-making materials found in a home in Oxon Hill last night.

NEWS 4 July 28 - 74- year old Robert Davis Jr., accused of murdering his sister, is out of jail tonight.

NEWS 4 July 28 - A 91-year old man has barricaded himself inside a house.

NEWS 4 July 28 - Zachary Wages Sr. was arrested this morning during a traffic stop in Northwest Washington. He is accused if shooting two jewelry salesmen at a restaurant in Georgetown last month.

NEWS 4 July 28 - This afternoon Aaron Commey stormed onto a plane and took two people hostage at the JFK Airport. Being held without bail, Commey is in jail tonight.

NEWS 4 July 28 - The online music site Napster has been granted a reprieve.

NEWS 4 July 31 - Ricardo Williams was arrested for a violent crime spree.

NEWS 4 July 31 - 20-year old John Harrios pled guilty to the shooting and killing 17-year old Teddy Garvin on a Metro Bus.

NEWS 4 July 31 - Hyattsville police continue to hunt for a man who stole a car with two children in it.

NEWS 4 August 1 - The Federal Government has put a dent in the methamphetamine business.

NEWS 4 August 1- A U.S. Soldier has been sentenced to life in prison without parole for sexually assaulting and killing a girl in Kosovo.

NEWS 4 August 1- 21-year old Tamara Monique Shields was shot last night at a home in Chillum, Maryland.

NEWS 4 August 1- A Colorado sheriff is now blaming a cigarette for starting a wildfire that caused more than 15-million dollars in damage.

NEWS 4 August 1 - During the month of August the White House Drug Policy will aim five million dollars toward the internet and radio airwaves to warn of the dangers of a youth party drug.

NEWS 4 August 1 - Tonight was the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual National Night Out against crime.

NEWS 4 August 1 - Federal agents have broken up a nationwide drug ring that allegedly supplied the raw materials for making methamphetamine.

NEWS 4 August 1 - Police in Prince George's County have charged two teenagers for the murder of the cab driver, 64 year-old Gladstone Accra.

NEWS 4 August 2 - Betty Richmond was found guilty of felony inference with child custody.

NEWS 4 August 2 - The theft of some Olympic equipment may rob the US Bobsled Team of its medal hopes.

NEWS 4 August 2 - *USA Today* reports that Firestone Tire are being blamed for more fatal accidents.

NEWS 4 August 2 - Jury deliberations are now underway in the murder trial of Tanisha Montague. The 19 year-old is charged with dumping her newborn baby in the trash during a snowstorm last January.

NEWS 4 August 3 - Maryland will become the first state to keep a computerized ballistic fingerprint of every gun sold in the state.

NEWS 4 August 3 - Joshua Jackson, a security guard at a museum in Chicago, was arrested and accused of stealing a Titanic artifact.

NEWS 4 August 3 - 22 year old Justin Shawn, a third suspect wanted for an armed robbery at a school in Montgomery County, is now in police custody.

NEWS 4 August 3 - Police say last Thursday, a man touched and tried to kiss a nine-year-old girl in a children's section of the Barnes and Noble in Fair Lakes.

NEWS 4 August 3 - Police tonight confirm there was an attempted robbery in the same area shortly before the murder of 39-year old Antonio Mead.

NEWS 4 August 3 - DC Police Chief Charles Ramsey is trying to do something about the recent rash of homicides going on in the city.

NEWS 4 August 3 - An ambitious new way of alerting the public about children who've been abducted, is being considered for use by local law enforcement authorities.

NEWS 4 August 4 - Police in Alexandria are asking for the public's help in locating a man who suspected of giving pornographic material to children.

NEWS 4 August 4 - Police say last night on Parkside Drive, in the Fair Oaks area, a woman was attacked inside her own home.

NEWS 4 August 4 - An off-duty police officer from Fairfax County has been charged in connection with a hit and run accident that critically injured a 21-year old woman.

NEWS 4 August 14 - A 17-year-old boy from Alexandria is under arrest for allegedly stealing a FBI car.

NEWS 4 August 14 - The FBI and Fairfax County police are asking the public for help in finding a man who robbed a bank in Fairfax.

NEWS 4 August 14 - Security is a big issue at the convention according to Los Angeles law enforcement officials.

NEWS 4 August 14 - An American biologist who was captured and detained by guerilla forces in Columbia says he has just one regret, when his captors set him free they disrupted his search for a rare amphibian.

NEWS 4 August 14 - Midsi Sanchez, an eight-year-old from California, made a daring escape from a kidnapper.

NEWS 4 August 14 - A 14-year-old boy from Maryland is accused in Friday's deadly tunnel crash will not be charged as an adult.

NEWS 4 August 15 - A nine-year-old district boy accused of crashing an empty trailways bus faces charges as a juvenile.

NEWS 4 August 15 - Two teenagers are in custody this evening charged with leading police on a high speed chase through the District and Montgomery County.

NEWS 4 August 15 - Baltimore county police have charged two of three teenage boys who were passengers in a speeding car that plowed into a bar crowded with patron last night.

NEWS 4 August 16 - Charles T. Saunders shot murdered his ex-girlfriend and then killed himself yesterday at Fort Belvoir.

NEWS 4 August 16 - Arraignment is set for today for an ex-convict accused of kidnapping an 8-year-old girl in northern California.

NEWS 4 August 16 - Roy Wayne Criner who has spent ten years in prison for a crime he did not commit was set free today in Texas.

NEWS 4 August 16 - Two teenagers are in custody after a police chase on the border between the district and Montgomery County.

NEWS 4 August 16 - A 19-year old man is in critical condition this evening after he was stabbed in the heart during a fight at the Dulles Town Center Mall in Sterling, Virginia.

NEWS 4 August 16,17 - Prince George's county police are searching for two suspects who held up the Six Flags America Theme Park today.

NEWS 4 August 16 - In Montgomery County a bond hearing for a teacher accused of having sex with a 12-year-old student had been postponed until Friday so her lawyer can have more time to prepare for the case.

NEWS 4 August 16 - A common technique used by police to capture pedophiles on the internet has backfired in Maryland.

NEWS 4 August 17 - D.C. police are trying to determine whether a body found in a trash bag is that of an 83-year-old woman who has been missing for more than a month.

NEWS 4 August 18 - A man got caught while trying to rob a Montgomery bank today.

NEWS 4 August 18 - Jason La-Zeer was released to because of lack of evidence linking him to the death of a Virginia woman.

NEWS 4 August 18 - The American Cancer Society is trying to recover thousands of donation checks that apparently got thrown away by a bank employee who thought she had too much work to do.



NEWS 4 August 18 - Robert John Bruffy from St Mary's County, Maryland is free on bond, after being arrested for alleged child sexual assault.

NEWS 4 August 18 - The American Civil Liberties Union says it is suing the Los Angeles police department in connection with several incidents that involved journalists during this week's democratic convention.

NEWS 4 August 18 - Two men from Dale City are recovering tonight after being shot during a traffic altercation in the district overnight.

NEWS 4 August 18,21 - In response to the shooting and death of 16-year-old Christopher Jones of Upper Marlboro, an anti-crime rally is being held in Seat Pleasant today where police chief John Farrell plans to discuss a seven-point plan aimed at improving conditions along central avenue.

VIEWPOINT August 20 Guest: D.C. Police Chief Charles H. Ramsey. Discussed plans to put as many as 250 more police officers on District streets in response to a rash of violence that left nine people dead over a five-day period.

NEWS 4 August 21 - A living memorial has been created for a popular Germantown, Maryland, priest who was murdered in June.

NEWS 4 August 21 - An eleventh person has died of injuries suffered in Saturday's pipeline explosion in New Mexico.

NEWS 4 August 22 - The man charged with involuntary manslaughter in the death of 6-year-old Kayla Rolland has reached a deal with prosecutors that might lead to two years of prison time instead of 15.

NEWS 4 August 22 - At the request of both defense and prosecutors, the trial for the alleged killers of two Wilson High sweethearts has been delayed until next year.

NEWS 4 August 22 - A 15-year-old boy has been found guilty of second degree murder tonight in the shooting death of another teenager.

NEWS 4 August 22 - D.C. police are looking for clues in the stabbing death of a local doctor.

NEWS 4 August 22 - Martha's Vineyard's airport was closed for eight hours because officials found a fake bomb in the airport baggage claim area.

NEWS 4 August 23,24 - About 200 extra police officers are now patrolling D.C. neighborhoods six days a week. The district police department says the first night with more police officers on the street was a successful one.

NEWS 4 August 24 - Two boys from Bethesda were burned this afternoon when a flash fire erupted in the garage of a home.

NEWS 4 August 24 - Tonight, police in Montgomery County are investigating a hit and run accident that led to a brief chase.

NEWS 4 August 24 - Nelson Robles is asking for a new trial in a case of police misconduct. In 1996 police because of an outstanding traffic warrant he had handcuffed Robles to a light post. Robles was awarded 600,000 dollars that was later reduced to 200,000 dollars.

NEWS 4 August 24- A 17-year-old boy tried to douse the flame of the Olympic torch, but was unsuccessful.

NEWS 4 August 24 - Four American rock climbers who say they were held hostage for nearly a week in Central Asia are back home today.

NEWS 4 August 24, 28 - The Virginia woman accused of abandoning her three young children at a library has been released from jail. The three young children will remain in foster care for the time being.

NEWS 4 August 24 - Former Los Alamos Scientist Wen Ho Lee can be released from jail while awaiting trial. Bail is set at 1 million dollars and the judge states that Wen Ho Lee must remain at his home and will be under surveillance if he does in fact reach bail.

NEWS 4 August 24 - Security cameras will be installed soon at the entrance to the Mount Vernon Square/UDC metro station.

NEWS 4 August 24 - A Maryland teenager has been found guilty of first degree murder in connection with the shooting death of a Baltimore police officer who had ties to our area.

NEWS 4 August 24 - Willis Haynes, 22, will serve life in prison for a triple murder.

NEWS 4 August 24 - Mayor Anthony Williams made some other news today, he's calling for more muscle in the war on crime.

NEWS 4 August 24 - There is a sad update to that terrible explosion at an auto shop in the Spotsylvania area. A third person has now died of his injuries.

NEWS 4 August 24- A politician from Tennessee who changed his name to "low tax" Looper was convicted of murder and was sentenced to life in prison without parole.

NEWS 4 August 25 - The navy is investigating another alleged sex scandal at the tailhook naval aviators convention.

NEWS 4 August 25- Beginning Sept. 1 officers will be using computers in the field to record race, gender, age, and other stats so officials will have hard data to work with. Police say the filed computers will be an added benefit to officers.

NEWS 4 August 25 - Elliott Robinson's family was studded by the verdict of life in prison.

NEWS 4 August 25 - Forty-one police officers claim that blowing the whistle on corruption cost them peace of mind and in some cases their jobs.

NEWS 4 August 25 - A man from Germantown, Maryland is being held without bond for allegedly molesting two girls.

NEWS 4 August 25 - Someone has stolen a box containing artificial arms and hands that were supposed to be for children in Vietnam.

NEWS 4 August 25 - Today a man who held a trusted position with the American Cancer Society pleaded guilty to embezzling nearly 8 million dollars from the charity.

NEWS 4 August 25 - Three more murder cases were solved in Prince George's County today. Police there say tips from the community are helping close cases.

NEWS 4 August 28, 29, 30 - Police will begin interviewing Patsy Ramsey and then her husband on issues surrounding the murder of their daughter. After interviewing both parents the police found no evidence linking the parents to the murder of their daughter. Authorities still say the parents are suspects.

NEWS 4 August 28 - In Moscow tonight a fire in a huge television is out, but the danger may not be over.

NEWS 4 August 28 - At least two people were killed in a terrible fire in a television tower in Russia that took firefighters two days to put out.

NEWS 4 August 28 - John Holahan, creator of lucky charms cereal, died last week in a car accident.

NEWS 4 August 28 - Researchers say that hazing is spreading from college campuses to younger people and that millions of high school students become victims of hazing every year.

NEWS 4 August 28 - Two people were found shot to death around noon in a faculty office in a crowded classroom building at the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville.

NEWS 4 August 28 - There has been a series of mailbox explosions in Stafford County, Virginia. Anyone with information is asked to call 540/659-2020

NEWS 4 August 28 - Police have found dozens of military explosives and weapons inside a home on Maryland's Eastern Shore.

NEWS 4 August 28 - A cell phone call helped police locate a woman who was abducted in the district, driven to Virginia and then raped.

NEWS 4 August 29 - Service on metro's red line was slowed for five hours today because of a death at the Friendship Heights Station.

NEWS 4 August 29 - After a DNA test police's suspect in Gloria Claggatt's murder has been released and police are back at square one.

NEWS 4 August 29 - Engineers in Russia are working to save Europe's tallest tower that was badly damaged in a disastrous fire that broke out on Sunday.

NEWS 4 August 29 - Maryland's attorney general says he will appeal a controversial ruling on an internet sex case because he is concerned the judge's decision could apprehend sexual predators.

NEWS 4 August 30 - Police in Florida are investigating an apparent shark attack that killed a man.

NEWS 4 August 30 - Tomorrow is the third anniversary of the car crash that killed Princess Dianna and her boyfriend Dodi Al Fayed.

NEWS 4 August 30 - There is new information tonight about the investigation into a report of a 75-year-old woman who was sexually assaulted at a local hospital.

NEWS 4 August 30 - There was a deadly plane crash this evening on a college campus in Virginia.

NEWS 4 August 30 - A Florida man is dead tonight after being attacked by a shark right outside his home.

NEWS 4 August 30 - A 46-year-old woman was killed later today after she fell down an elevator shaft.

NEWS 4 August 31 - There was a high-speed police chase in the District tonight. Police say they were pursuing a red van after an apparent hit and run at union station.

NEWS 4 August 31 - A California college student is being held on 100,000 dollar bail because of a hoax that cost a company a lot of money.

NEWS 4 September 1 - A suspicious package found at the IRS building downtown has been taken to a remote area for investigation.

NEWS 4 September 1 - There are allegations that city morgue workers stole credit cards and other valuables from bodies and homes of the deceased.

NEWS 4 September 1 - Police are looking for a man who has been burglarizing high schools in Northern Virginia.

NEWS 4 September 1 - An 18-year-old who was arrested in a dramatic incident involving a metro bus yesterday is expected to be arraigned within the hour on murder charges.

NEWS 4 September 4 - A district man is facing numerous charges tonight, following a carjacking in Northeast Washington.

NEWS 4 September 1, 4, 5- A police officer shot 25-year-old Prince Jones nine times at which point he was dead. Jones died not far from the home where his girlfriend and their infant daughter live. The officer involved in the shooting is identified as Carlton Jones. A local lawyer who specializes in cases involving police shootings now represents the family of Prince Jones.

NEWS 4 September 4 - There's a report of explosive devices being found in a building in the 59-hundred block of Fisher Road.

NEWS 4 September 5 - The commonwealth of Virginia held a hearing on spanking today.

NEWS 4 September 6 - An early morning argument between truck drivers led to a stabbing on the beltway in Prince George's County.

NEWS 4 September 6,8 - Police in Prince William County have arrested a Woodbridge woman accused of sexually abusing her two daughters with a man she met on the internet. The man, Jay Larson is being held without bond and is awaiting extradition to Virginia.

NEWS 4 September 6 - Two teenagers are under arrest and charged with armed robbery of a convenience store and the attempted murder of a state trooper.

NEWS 4 September 6 - Authorities in Montgomery County are re-constructing a fatal accident that involved a car full of students from American University.

NEWS 6 September 6 - A manhunt for two men suspected of robbing a convenience store in Southern Maryland has disrupted the normally quiet routine in two communities.

NEWS 4 September 7 - Two republican politicians from the Miami area are accusing each other of starting a fight that turned into a family brawl outside a radio station.

NEWS 4 September 7 - Fairfax County Police are investigating the fatal shooting of a man by a police officer.

NEWS 4 September 11 - A new report on computer security suggests there is a growing risk to the federal government for widespread fraud, misuse and disruption of its information systems.

NEWS 4 September 12 - A major marijuana bust took place in Maryland today.

NEWS 4 September 12 - A nuclear scientist who had been accused of stealing government secrets was expected to be released from jail today under a plea agreement, but that didn't happen.

NEWS 4 September 12, 15 - There are several investigations into the Prince George case involving Prince Jones. Fairfax County Police, the FBI, and Prince George County Police are conducting investigations. The commonwealth's attorney in Fairfax county says he won't make a decision about filing charges in the case of a Prince George's County police officer until next Tuesday at the earliest.

NEWS 4 September 13 - A suspected car thief who allegedly tried to run over a metro transit police officer is hospitalized after being shot by that officer.

NEWS 4 September 13 - An assistant pastry chef at the White House had filed a sexual harassment lawsuit against her boss.

NEWS 4 September 13 - Tonight, nuclear scientist Wen Ho Lee is a free man.

NEWS 4 September 14 - Police in Fairfax County are reporting an extraordinarily high number of thefts in the county.

NEWS 4 September 15 - Civil rights activists are demanding the firing of three Florida police officers involved in a violent arrest shown on live television yesterday.

NEWS 4 September 15 - Police are investigating a shooting that took place at a woman's home in Fairfax County. The woman was not injured and police are investigating a possible motive.

NEWS 4 September 15 - President Clinton says he wants to talk to Attorney General Janet Reno about his concerns over the government's handling of the case of scientist Wen Ho Lee.

NEWS 4 September 16 - Police in the District are searching for a man they say is armed and dangerous.

NEWS 4 September 18,19 - In Prince George's County the sheriff's department is trying to figure out how a poisonous snake ended up outside the office of state's attorney Jack Johnson.

NEWS 4 September 19 - 15-year-old Eric Venederynen was well known in the countryside neighborhood of Sterling, Virginia. The community leaders have set up a reward fund for help finding the person who killed him.

NEWS 4 September 20 - Due to the excessive amount of shootings coming from Prince Jones County the state senator has asked the police chief, John Farrell to step down. Farrall has not commented or made a decision.

NEWS 4 September 20 - Authorities in Loudoun County, Virginia are asking for the public's help tonight as they try to solve the murder of Eric Van Nederynen, a popular 15-year-old.

NEWS 4 September 20 - There is new information tonight on the plane that crashed into the Gulf of Mexico. The coast guard now says that the plane may not have been hijacked. Officials say they think the ten people on board may have been trying to escape Cuba. Only one person died in the crash.

NEWS 4 September 21 - In Prince George's County executive Wayne Curry said the police chief will keep his job, but there will be a creation of a new department of professional responsibility. The equivalent civilian, deputy will run the internal agency chief.



NEWS 4 September 22 - A teenager who hacked government computers is going to jail. The 16-year-old pleaded guilty today to federal charges of breaking into the NASA computers that support the international space station.

NEWS 4 September 22 - A pastor at a local church is in jail charged with sexually molesting a 13-year-old girl.

NEWS 4 September 22, 23 - Services were held tonight to remember a popular teenager from Loudoun county who was shot to death on a bike path. Investigators have returned to the scene hoping to gather new clues about the crime.

NEWS 4 September 23 - In Prince George's County the police department graduated its first five officers and dogs that have been re-trained under the so-called "guard and bark" method.

NEWS 4 September 25 - There is an update tonight on the story of the Prince George's County school bus driver accused of letting students get off her bus to buy candy from an ice cream truck. School officials say the driver has been relieved of her duties and they are still looking into the incident.

NEWS 4 September 26 - There is another example of adults turning violent at kids sporting events.

NEWS 4 September 26 - The man accused of opening fire inside a gay bar in Roanoke, Virginia could face additional charges.

NEWS 4 September 26 - Investigators are learning more about three arson fires that have targeted the home and workplace of a man from Bethesda.

NEWS 4 September 26 - Fire investigators say it will be a while until they can determine the cause of fire that ripped through a shopping center in Gaithersburg, Maryland this morning.

NEWS 4 September 26 - A man arrested last week in the district and charged with sexually assaulting a woman could soon be facing similar charges in Prince George's County.

NEWS 4 September 26 - The FBI has seized a crucial piece of evidence in the case of a local man who was shot and killed by an undercover Prince George's County police officer.

NEWS 4 September 26 - Police say the alleged imposter pulled over a 16-year-old who was driving a car in Springfield, Virginia.

NEWS 4 September 27 - The man convicted of killing John Lennon almost 20 years ago says he deserves to be released from prison.

NEWS 4 September 27 - A man was arrested on Capitol Hill last week when he brought a gun to a house office building.

NEWS 4 September 27 - In downtown Washington more than 30 protestors were arrested when they blocked traffic at 20<sup>th</sup> and L Street during the morning rush hour.

NEWS 4 September 27 - Police in Fairfax County have cleared up some confusion. They've determined it was a real police officer and not an impersonator who stopped a young driver Saturday.

NEWS 4 September 27 - A Montgomery County police officer was involved in a shooting tonight.

NEWS 4 September 27 - Movie executives went to Capital Hill today to pitch their plan to limit children's exposure to violent movies.

NEWS 4 September 27 - The most recent robbery happened at the national zoo last night just minutes after the zoo closed.

NEWS 4 September 27 - Police in Prince George's County are asking for help to find a suspect in an armed robbery at a liquor store in Suitland.

NEWS 4 September 28 - Police in New Orleans say two teenagers used the same gun to shoot each other.

NEWS 4 September 28 - A former police officer in Fairfax County is facing more charges in connection with a hit and run accident in the District last month.

NEWS 4 September 28 - Howard University students continue to press for charges to be filed against a police officer who shot and killed a Howard student.

NEWS 4 September 28 - The captain and crew of a sunken passenger ferry are charged with criminal negligence tonight.

NEWS 4 September 28 - Three children that were abandoned at a Virginia Beach library are now leaving with their father.

NEWS 4 September 28 - Fairfax County police are asking for the public's help in identifying a hit and run driver who killed a man.

NEWS 4 September 28 - District police say yesterday's armed robbery at the national zoo was well planned.

NEWS 4 September 28 - In Prince George's County police have released surveillance camera videotape of a robbery in progress in the hope someone can help them identify the suspect.

NEWS 4 September 29 - Investigators have learned that about 1400 gasoline credit cards were issued originally to the D.C. police and an audit of those cards shows that as of August 199 were missing.

NEWS 4 September 29 – A 23-year-old man from Bowie, Maryland has filed suit against the District and a D.C. police officer after he was wrongly accused of murder and jailed.

NEWS 4 September 29 – Police are investigating the murder of a student from Gallaudet University.

## **V. CONSUMER**

WRC-TV airs daily segments on issues of interest to consumers, including safety, cost saving, government regulations, and new products.

NEWS 4 July 3 - An OPEC source says that Saudi Arabia has agreed to put an additional 500-thousand barrels of oil on the market per day.

NEWS 4 July 3 - Two families are suing for \$10-million each. The lawsuits allege negligence and other offenses that led to the deaths of two group home residents

NEWS 4 July 6 - 4,000 workers at hospitals in North Carolina are on strike today

NEWS 4 July 6 - A bill has been introduced today that would prohibit "white" veal, a process which caused anemia in calves so their meat becomes pale colored

NEWS 4 July 10 - A recent list of the world's richest women has discovered that women in the corporate world out rank European royalty

NEWS 4 July 10 - A water main broke at Pennsylvania and Minnesota Avenues this evening.

NEWS 4 July 10 - The Northbound lanes of Route One in Fairfax country have been closed because of a water main break

NEWS 4 July 11- Yesterday in Los Angeles, Frederick's of Hollywood filled for Chapter Eleven Bankruptcy protection.

NEWS 4 July 11- addressing the issue: free music on the internet, several of the nation's top musicians rallied on Capitol Hill. Meallica is suing Napster for copyright infringement.

NEWS 4 July 12- Southwest, US Airways and Midway all cut ticket prices today.

NEWS 4 July 12 - The Sequoia yacht has been sold to Washington investor Gary Silversmith

NEWS 4 July 12 - Liquor licenses will not be issued for the Adams Morgan area for the next three years.

NEWS 4 July 13 - The secret service is discovering that the new dollar bills may not prevent counterfeit

NEWS 4 July 13 - Home Depot has signed a lease to take over the space occupied by the Hechinger store in Northwest DC

NEWS 4 July 13 - Worldcom and Sprint will not be merging

NEWS 4 July 14 - Big tobacco says it will appeal a verdict in Florida saying it should pay \$145 million

NEWS 4 July 14 - The Senate passed a will to repeal estate taxes, but President Clinton says he will veto the bill.

NEWS 4 July 19 - The House of Representatives passed a bill that would allow people to put away more money for retirement.

NEWS 4 July 21- Star Kist spent 3 million dollars in its packaging department to give consumers a firmer more compact piece of tuna.

NEWS 4 July 21- Petsmart says there are seat belt attachments that connect to animal harness.

NEWS 4 July 21- There are local bee keepers that sell local honey to local residents.

NEWS 4 August 1- The Consumer Product Safety Commission is recalling 111-thousand Gerry Trail-Tech Backpack baby carriers.

NEWS 4 August 1 - Commuters trying to reach Metro's Forest Glen Station have to dodge traffic to get there.

NEWS 4 August 1 - A company called Tractebel wants to invest 800 million dollars in a power plant in Leesburg.

NEWS 4 August 1 - In Prince George's County, a new banking program is aimed at protecting immigrants from becoming crime victims.

NEWS 4 August 2 - Verizon says the rough weather has kept phone crews on the go around the clock.

NEWS 4 August 14,18, 22 - The group public citizen questions why other tires made by Firestone are being recalled in other countries, but not in the U.S. Firestone is extending its reimbursement policy indefinitely for people who go elsewhere to replace their recalled tires. Firestone will start flying tires in from Japan to help meet the demand for replacement tires.

NEWS 4 August 16 - More than 400 thousand Playskool toys called Busy Poppin' Pals have been recalled by Hasbro, the manufacturer.

NEWS 4 August 17- Master Card has filed a 5 million dollar lawsuit against presidential candidate Ralf Nader for using the word "priceless" in his ad campaign.

NEWS 4 August 17,22 - Striking verizon telephone workers are threatening to walk out of the contract talks if there's no major progress by midnight tonight. Some progress has been reported tonight in the talks to end the more than two-week-old strike of verizon workers.

NEWS 4 August 22- Publishers Clearing House can no longer mail out entry forms saying, "you may already be a winner."

NEWS 4 August 22 - Carters is asking consumers to contact them if they purchased Carter nightshirts for children during the months of May through August. These shirts are 100% polyester and could be a fire hazard. Carter is offering a 15-dollar gift certificate to anyone who might have purchased one of these nightshirts.

NEWS 4 August 22 - Minoura is doing a recall on bike stands that were sold nationwide from January of 1989 through 1994 for between 120 and 180 dollars.

NEWS 4 August 22 - The suitcase grill sold at William Sonoma is being recalled because of difficulties turning of the propane tank.

NEWS 4 August 22- Manco is recalling their go-karts because one child has died and several have been seriously injured. These go-karts are also sold under phoenix, fox, rattler, and coyote labels.

NEWS 4 August 22 - Cans of starter fluid are being recalled because the CPSC says these can of starting fluid can leak and the leaking fluid is extremely flammable.

NEWS 4 August 23 - Sprint is offering improved service to wireless business customers, with speeds up to 56k and capabilities that may help sales people do almost all of their business in the field.

NEWS 4 August 23, 25, 31 September 1,4,12, 20, 21, 23 - An airlift to deliver thousands of Firestone tires to waiting customers is underway today. Four congressional aides are in Michigan looking into the recall involving Firestone tires. Federal regulators have linked more fatal accidents to the brand of Bridgestone/Firestone tires. The government is now stepping in to the massive recall of six and a half million Firestone tires. Firestone says it's ready to get back to the business of making good tires and restoring the public's faith in the company. Firestone has announced it will recall an additional 62 thousand tires in Venezuela. Ford Motor Company and Bridgestone/Firestone traded accusations today at a Senate hearing looking into last month's recall of millions of tires. The two companies at odds now began their partnership almost a century ago. Tonight more deaths are being linked to the faulty Firestone tires that are being recalled. More finger-pointing at another hearing concerning the Bridgestone/Firestone tire recall. The tires are suspected of contributing to dozens of fatal accidents involving Ford Explorers. The ford motor company is advising some explorer owners to increase the pressure in their tires.

NEWS 4 August 24 - Striking verizon workers have reached a settlement with the phone-company.

NEWS 4 August 24 - United Airlines is averaging 200 cancelled flights a day this month. In response United Airlines is issuing a commercial apologizing to its customers.

NEWS 4 August 25 - The alcoholic beverages control board in Annapolis adopted a rule in July applying to liquor stores that everyone must show proof of age.

NEWS 4 August 25 - This week,, Ford launched an ad campaign to acknowledge the tire problems and take responsibility in helping correct them.

NEWS 4 August 28 - The Washington Post is reporting on its website that Microstrategy will dismiss 234 employees to counteract business setbacks.

NEWS 4 August 28 - For the first time in history some of the stock prices are being quoted in dollars and cents rather than fractions.

NEWS 4 August 29 - The Tyne family from Orlando, Florida is suing Warner Brothers Studios over the movie, "The Perfect Storm."

NEWS 4 August 31 - Giant and Safeway customers can only take part in sale prices if they present the store's discount cards that one must sign up for to obtain.

NEWS 4 August 31 - Another old-time Washington business is getting ready to close its doors. J.R. Enright Appliances, located on Leland Street in Bethesda, has sold appliances to political bigwigs and everyday people for more than 72 years and will be closing on Saturday.

NEWS 4 August 31 - Authorities say a man accused in a major stock hoax made nearly a quarter million dollars from a scheme.

NEWS 4 September 1 - The new one-dollar coins are now in circulation.

NEWS 4 September 1 - TV and radio broadcasters will be able to embed tones in commercials and in computer news that can guide your computer to more information on the internet.

NEWS 4 September 1 - Ford dealers are hoping they are about to turn the corner on customer concerns about Ford Explorers.

NEWS 4 September 4 - Time is running out on the national debt clock in New York City. It is going to be covered up and might be used if need be in the future.

NEWS 4 September 6 - A ruling by a federal judge could put a popular on-line music site out of business. The judge ruled the site; m-p-3.com is guilty of violating the copyrights of the country's largest record company, Universal.

NEWS 4 September 8 - In Russia, Greenpeace activists wanted to highlight the problems caused by oil pipelines that are leaking throughout the country.

NEWS 4 September 12 - Retired American University chemistry professor Paul Waters has come up with a fuel additive that has the remarkable qualities of boosting horsepower and gas mileage while reducing harmful emissions.



NEWS 4 August 22 - As summer winds down school officials are preparing for another year and in Fairfax County that means more students than ever.

VIEWPOINT August 23 Guest: Dr. Paul Vance. Dr. Vance is the new D.C. School Superintendent. Talking about current concerns and conditions about the city's schools.

NEWS 4 August 23 - The District Government is getting rid of a 20 million dollar payroll system after having constant problems with it.

NEWS 4 August 24 - District officials say just about every teacher position is filled as the city prepares for the start of the new school year.

REPORTERS NOTEBOOK August 24, 2000 Guests: Dave McConnell, Jerry Phillips, Adrienne Washington. A promise to have renovations before opening day of all 146 schools has been made.

NEWS 4 August 25 - The Prince William County has 450 new teachers.

VIEWPOINT August 26, 2000 Guests: Dr. Iris T. Metts. Metts shares her plans for the largest school system in Maryland.

NEWS 4 August 28 - At University of Maryland, 950 freshman took part in the school's 5<sup>th</sup> annual service day.

NEWS 4 August 29 - In Northern Virginia a number of school districts posted their best SAT scores in years. In Montgomery County the good news is that math scores were at a historic high, but the troubling news is that the gap in scores between white and minority students is widening.

REPORTERS NOTEBOOK August 31, 2000 Guests: Jerry Phillips, Milagros Ardin, Jonetta Barras. Most local school jurisdictions recorded little change in their student's overall SAT scores this year from last year. Prince George's County schools are still scrambling for bus drivers and a lack of teachers.

NEWS 4 August 31 - A federal court judge in Alexandria has refused to grant an injunction to halt Virginia's new minute of silence law before classes begin next Tuesday.

NEWS 4 September 1 - Twenty recruit officers from the Maurice T. Turner Junior, Institute of Police Science graduated today.

NEWS 4 September 1 - D.C. public schools are scheduled to open on Tuesday. Today at the MCI center the school system sponsored a rally to kick-off the new school year.

NEWS 4 September 1 - A fire at an elementary school in Rockville has caused 25 thousand dollars worth of damage to the school's cafeteria.

NEWS 4 September 4 - Thomas Wootton High School will not open until Wednesday because teachers need a chance to set their classrooms up now that the renovations are complete.

NEWS 4 September 5 - It was back to school for 68 thousand students in the district today.

NEWS 4 September 22 - Mayor Anthony Williams told NEWS4 that the city is in talks to bring the Macy's department store to the city.

NEWS 4 September 23 - A popular brand of taco shells is being recalled tonight because they contain ingredients that may be harmful for people.

NEWS 4 September 26 - Rush hour traffic was disrupted this morning by a group of about 200 protestors gathered in downtown Washington. They were showing support of the demonstrations against the world bank/international monetary fund meeting in the Czech Republic. They were also calling for a union for parking garage employees.

NEWS 4 September 27 - The energy department predicts the average family will spend 900 dollars to heat its home this year which is up 140 dollars from last year.

NEWS 4 September 27 - Thousands of mountain bikes sold at Target stores are being recalled. The bikes are made by dynacraft industries and have a problem with the front suspension forks.

## **VI. ENVIRONMENT/WEATHER**

WRC-TV regularly broadcasts news and other segments on regional environmental issues. Some examples are listed below.

NEWS 4 July 4 - Volunteers are helping to clean penguins and transport them to a safe place after an oil spill in South Africa

NEWS 4 July 11 - Marine experts have discovered that the parasite called MSX which killed millions of oysters was introduced into the water by an accident during the 1930's and 40's.

NEWS 4 July 13 - A four-story brownstone apartment collapsed last night in Brooklyn

NEWS 4 July 13 - A house in Anne Arundel County exploded last night. A propane tank is suspected of causing the explosion

NEWS 4 July 13 - A four story commercial building collapsed in lower Manhattan

NEWS 4 July 17 - 9 people were hurt when a boiler exploded at a textile plant in Virginia

NEWS 4 July 19 - Pepco is taking new steps to prevent manhole cover explosions in the District.

NEWS 4 July 24 - A wildfire at Mesa Verde National Park is threatening the nation's largest archeological preserve.

NEWS 4 July 24 - A new recycling facility opened today in Rockville.

NEWS 4 July 26 - A tornado in Minnesota destroyed over 350 homes, killed an elderly man, injured 14 people and spilled about 700 pounds of poisonous weedkiller.

NEWS 4 July 26 - Federal officials are considering calling up members of the Army and National Guard to help fight wild fires out west. More than 2 million acres of land have burned so far this year.

NEWS 4 July 27 - Geological surveyors are also coming up with ways to more closely monitor ground well supplies in rural parts of the region.

NEWS 4 July 28 - One of the worst wildfires is in California's Sequoia National Forest.

NEWS 4 August 1 - Another massive wildfire in Colorado has been contained.

NEWS 4 August 1 - Firefighters have managed to contain several wildfires burning out west.

NEWS 4 August 2 - Officials at the National Department of Natural Resources confirmed that a bear seen in Anne Arundel County.

NEWS 4 August 2 - The airport authority is being criticized over the noise at Reagan National Airport.

NEWS 4 August 3 - Monster hunters have built what they call a serpent trap to nab a creature they believe is a cousin of the Loch ness Monster.

NEWS 4 August 3 - A family of undiplomatic Mocking Birds were put to death yesterday.

NEWS 4 August 14 - Fires continue in Montana and so far this season, in Montana alone, 375 thousand acres have burned, nearly 170 buildings have been destroyed and more than 50 homes.

NEWS 4 August 15 - Tropical Storm Beryl has been downgraded to a tropical depression.

NEWS 4 August 17 - Residents succeeded in showing park's director Robert Newman the decline of the oldest parks in the district. A meeting will be scheduled for later this month with the department of public works and the federal highway administration.

NEWS 4 August 18 - Wildfires continue out west and therefore, interior secretary Bruce Babbitt is appealing to colleges for some help.

NEWS 4 August 22 - A man and woman were killed in Spotsylvania County as a result of a fire explosion at the thornburg automotive shop.

NEWS 4 August 24 - A volcano eruption forced the evacuation of hundreds of people from a village in Costa Rica today.

NEWS 4 August 22,23, 24 - Washington will play an instrumental role in providing emergency assistance if and when tropical storm or hurricane Debby hit the United States. To learn more about hurricane preparation and survival to [nbc4.com](http://nbc4.com) and click on news links. Planes have been canceled do to Debby, Virgin Islands has declared a curfew, and a major oil refinery on St. Croix has been partially shut down.

NEWS 4 August 28 - A gas leak forced some evacuations today at the Giant grocery store in Montgomery County.

NEWS 4 August 29 - An intense fire caused about one million dollars worth of damage on the boardwalk in Wildwood, New Jersey.

NEWS 4 August 29 - The fire lines are getting wider as firefighters out west try without much success to contain those raging wildfires that have been burning all summer.

NEWS 4 August 30 - There is concern tonight that the city of Philadelphia is crumbling. Nearly two dozen buildings have collapsed in the past week.

NEWS 4 August 30 - A group of fish here in Washington are helping scientists learn about pollution levels in the Anacostia River.

NEWS 4 August 30 - There is a fire burning in New Jersey that is so big and so intense it can be seen across the river in Manhattan.

NEWS 4 August 31, September 1 - Several hundred gallons of oil spilled into a creek in Montgomery County. The half-mile oil slick in Paint Branch Creek in Hillandale has been contained.

NEWS 4 August 31 - The US Park police are investigating if a fiber-optic company dug on federal land. At this point federal authorities aren't certain if any laws were violated.

NEWS 4 September 1 - Some Tenleytown activists are angry over a new television tower that will become the tallest building in the city.

NEWS 4 September 1 - Exterminators were called to get rid of rats that have been falling from rooftops in Palermo, Sicily.

NEWS 4 September 4 - Thirty people in China were swept into a river as they stood along the shore to watch the autumn tide.

NEWS 4 September 4 - Authorities in Napa California estimate that yesterday's earthquake caused between five and 15 million dollars in damage.

NEWS 4 September 5 - An advisory committee has determined that officials in Maryland have very little information about the petroleum pipelines that run through the state.

NEWS 4 September 5 - For the third time this year another volcano has erupted in Japan.

NEWS 4 September 5 - Concern in Sydney is focused on the high winds that might cause delays and evacuations during the Olympics.

NEWS 4 September 5 - A water-main break flooded parts of downtown Dallas this morning.

NEWS 4 September 6 - American online and the Commonwealth of Virginia are teaming up to expand internet resources to schoolchildren.

NEWS 4 September 7 - Virginia's governor released the results of the "standards of learning" tests given this year.

NEWS 4 September 8 - This morning's launch of space shuttle Atlantis ended a four-month lull in space flights. There are five American astronauts and two Russian cosmonauts aboard.

NEWS 4 September 11 - A new survey suggests that a majority of voters in Virginia are skeptical of the new standards of learning or the S.O.L. tests.

NEWS 4 September 11 - The estate of Marjorie Merriwether Post is about to open to the public after a three-year renovation.

NEWS 4 September 11 - D.C. fire units were called to downtown Washington today to investigate another report of a manhole explosion.

NEWS 4 September 12 - Crewmembers of space shuttle Atlantis have just entered the international space station.

NEWS 4 September 12 - Some local college students will be on their way to Australia to study the Olympics.

NEWS 4 September 13 - There was another round of manhole explosions in Georgetown today.

NEWS 4 September 13 - People who live in a neighborhood in Brandywine, Maryland are drawing a line in the dirt over a developer's plan to build a dumpsite in their backyard.

NEWS 4 September 14 - At least 100 people have been killed in unprecedented flooding in Southeast Asia.

NEWS 4 September 15 - Clean-up crews are trying to contain a massive fuel spill off the coast of New Jersey tonight.

NEWS 4 September 15 - An early report shows the number of schools that meet the state's standards of learning has more than doubled.

NEWS 4 September 15 - One of the Smithsonian museums had to open an hour late today because of a gas leak.

NEWS 4 September 19 - Some parts of Florida took a beating from tropical storm Gordon. One of the places hardest hit was Sanibel Island.

NEWS 4 September 21 - Le Lavandou is a small town on the French Riviera where it is now illegal to die without a burial plot somewhere. The town's cemetery is full and the town has not reached an agreement on where to build a new cemetery.

NEWS 4 August 1- Students at Texas A&M University are working to keep the school's bonfire tradition alive.

NEWS 4 August 1 - Voters in Kansas have their first chance today to let their voices be heard on the theory of evolution.

NEWS 4 August 2 - The US Army is going high-tech to bring its recruits higher education.

REPORTER's NOTEBOOK August 2, 2000 Guests: Pat Muse, Jerry Philips, Jonetta Barras, and Oscar Abeyta. D.C. public school employees including teachers have been accused of hitting students.

REPORTER's NOTEBOOK August 2, 2000 Guests: Pat Muse, Jerry Phillips, Adrienne Washington, and Dave McConnell. Prince George's County school's superintendent Iris T. Metts has assigned a deputy to oversee an investigation into the professional and academic credentials of the school's systems information technology chief.

NEWS 4 August 15 - Hundreds of Fairfax County students are in class this week, getting a head start on the upcoming school year.

NEWS 4 August 15 - A federal judge in Alexandria will be asked to throw out Virginia's new minute of silence law.

NEWS 4 August 16 - When children at the Riverside Elementary return to class this fall they will be part of an innovative program designed to improve standards of teaching in Fairfax County.

NEWS 4 August 16 - School officials say they just don't have enough drivers to get special education students to school.

NEWS 4 August 17- Prince George's county schools superintendent Iris Metts is getting ready for the new school year.

REPORTER's NOTEBOOK August 2, 2000 Guests: Jerry Phillips, Kristi King, Jonetta Barras. Three weeks before classes are scheduled to begin, D.C. school officials have acknowledged that bus services for special education students is in such disarray that they are prepared to offer parents 3000-7500 dollars per child to drive their children to school.

NEWS 4 August 21 - Classes at D.C. public schools begin next Monday.

NEWS 4 August 21 - Teachers in Arlington County school system are getting ready for the new school year.

NEWS 4 August 22- The Montgomery County School board is taking some heat from supporters of charter schools.

NEWS 4 September 21 - Two late-season tornadoes ripped through Ohio last night.

NEWS 4 September 22 - Some people living along the Gulf of Mexico are bracing for tropical storm Helene.

## **VII. EDUCATION**

WRC-TV regularly broadcasts news and other segments about and pertaining to educational issues. Some examples are listed below.

NEWS 4 July 3 - Paul Vance is making rounds at One Judiciary Square, saying he is prepared for the challenges of DC school superintendent.

NEWS 4 July 4 - Report on historical events that occurred on July 4<sup>th</sup>

NEWS 4 July 6 - Paul Vance has been named at D.C.'s new school superintendent.

NEWS 4 July 7 - President Clinton signed a proclamation designating the summer home of Former President Abraham Lincoln as a national monument

NEWS 4 July 7 - D.C.'s school board will be overhauled. The referendum will cut the board down to 9 members.

NEWS 4 July 11 - Summer vacation has been interrupted for students who did not pass the Virginia State mandated Standards of Learning Tests.

NEWS 4 July 12 - While rebuilding Giddings Elementary School into a health club, artifacts including the name of Hattie Burrell were found.

NEWS 4 July 17 - A group of people in a program called "pole to pole 2000" stopped in Washington today. They are walking, biking, canoeing and kayaking from the North Pole to the South Pole

NEWS 4 July 18 - The Lions are returning to the Taft Bridge.

NEWS 4 July 19 - Police in Prince William County staged a massive drill to make sure they are prepared to handle a major eruption of violence at a school.

NEWS 4 July 28 - A teacher at Mount Vernon High School in Fairfax County is accused if taking inappropriate steps to help students prepare for the Standards of Learning Tests.

NEWS 4 July 28 - At Fairfax's Dogwood Elementary School, youngsters are heading off to their first day of year round classes.

NEWS 4 July 28 - Paul Vance says there are 400 openings in the elementary and early childhood education programs.

NEWS 4 July 31 - Official in Prince George's County announced plans to rebuild Bladensburg High School on its existing site.



NEWS 4 August 21 - More than 40 people were injured when an Amtrak passenger train derailed in eastern South Carolina today.

NEWS 4 August 21 - Victims' families and expert consultants opened a broad attack on the investigation into the crash of TWA Flight 800.

NEWS 4 August 21 - The leaders of the nation's major airlines are gathered here in Washington for an airline summit to try to solve problems that have caused thousands of delays this travel season.

NEWS 4 August 21 - Fire departments in the metro area are coming up with game plans to account for the problems with a key fire-fighting tool at some metro stations.

NEWS 4 August 21 - Fire departments in the area are coming up with plans to account for the broken standpipes at several metro stations in the region.

NEWS 4 August 21 - At least four people are in the hospital tonight recovering from injuries they received when an Amtrak train derailed in South Carolina.

NEWS 4 August 22 - Government investigators say that vapors in a fuel tank exploded causing the TWA flight 800 crash that took place four years ago.

NEWS 4 August 22 - A batch of CIA documents was the focus today in the trial of two men accused in the bombing of Pan Am flight 103.

NEWS 4 August 23 - United Airlines has declared an operational emergency at five airports including Dulles.

NEWS 4 August 23 - Fairfax county police are investigating an accident that injured nine people, including seven children.

NEWS 4 August 23 - The Gulf Air A-320 Airbus had been trying to land in Manama, Bahrain after a flight from Cairo. It plunged into the Persian Gulf with 143 passengers and crew aboard.

NEWS 4 August 24 - Virginia Governor Jim Gilmore today announced plans aimed at improving the commute in Northern Virginia.

NEWS 4 August 24 - Virginia Governor Jim Gilmore has announced some initiatives to ease gridlock in Northern Virginia. Gilmore is proposing raising the speed limit from 55 to 65 miles an hour on HOV lanes to encourage more people to use them.

NEWS 4 August 24 - Maryland transportation officials today outlined new safety features for the light rail system at BWI airport.

NEWS 4 August 24 - 143 people were killed today when a Gulf Air airbus crashed. Officials say 36 of the passengers were children.

NEWS 4 August 24 - Police say two drivers racing on a busy road in Montgomery County are to blame for an accident that seriously injured a woman.

NEWS 4 August 24 - An aspiring opera singer has been awarded 11 million dollars for injuries she suffered when an American airline jet went off the runway.

NEWS 4 August 24 - Gulf Air flight 72 was en route from Cairo to Bahrain when it went down yesterday. All 143 people on the plane were killed.

NEWS 4 August 25 - The FAA is investigating a rough landing by a continental airline jet at Newark International Airport in New Jersey.

NEWS 4 August 25 - The red line was closed for a half-hour today because of smoke.

NEWS 4 August 29 - Police say a man committed suicide today by jumping in front of a train at Friendship Heights.

NEWS 4 August 30 - A judge in California said he may recall as many as two million Ford vehicles over concerns that they are prone to stalling.

NEWS 4 August 31 - Parking improvements are beginning at Dulles Airport.

NEWS 4 August 31 - The U.S. park police are asking anyone who witnessed a fatal accident on the Suitland Parkway earlier this month to come forward.

NEWS 4 August 31 - There is new information about the crash of an Air France Concorde. Investigators are looking into the possibility that debris from the tire started the fire, but a final cause has not yet been determined. At the crash 5,000 pieces of jewelry were found and will be returned to the appropriate victim's embassies for identification.

NEWS 4 September 4 - A small plane crashed in the water off one of the Florida Keys today. Both people inside the plane survived the crash.

NEWS 4 September 4 - Investigators in Texas are looking into a deadly accident that may have been caused by faulty Firestone tires.

NEWS 4 September 4 - Police in Fairfax County say excessive speed and drunk driving were factors in an accident that killed an area teenager.

NEWS 4 September 4 - Fast driving and alcohol added up to tragedy early this morning along a winding road near Lorton Virginia. A George Mason University freshman was killed and another teen was injured.

NEWS 4 September 4 - In Chicago this morning, six people were killed when their Jeep Cherokee crashed and burst into flames.

NEWS 4 September 5 - Maryland is considering using all union workers on the Wilson Bridge replacement project.

NEWS 4 September 5 - Thousands of teachers in Philadelphia have voted to go on strike. This marks the first strike since 1981.

VIEWPOINT September 17, 2000 Guests: Dr. Ronald Williams, Joseph J. James. Discussion included issues surrounding Prince George's Community College and economic development.

REPORTERS NOTEBOOK September 14 Guests: Pat Muse, Jerry Phillips, Adrienne Washington, Dave McConnell. Health officials investigating spoiled food served at a district elementary school said that when schools opened at least 12 schools lacked cafeteria workers certified in food handling.

NEWS 4 September 22 - African American's test scores have been increasing according to SOL tests. Education officials say some of the largest improvements have been on math and computer technology tests.

NEWS 4 September 23 - Stevie Wonder was the main attraction as part of school night 2000 at the MCI center. The event raises money to provide scholarships for the under-privileged children in the area.

NEWS 4 September 27 - The nonprofit, nonpartisan kaiser family foundation surveyed more than 4000 principles, parents, students and teachers in junior and high schools across the country about what they think of sex education.

### **VIII. TRANSPORTATION**

WRC-TV regularly broadcasts news and other on transportation issues. Some examples are listed below.

NEWS 4 July 2 - The driver of a Suburban was reaching for a CD when his truck swerved and hit another car on Braddock road. Five people were sent to the hospital.

NEWS 4 July 3 - A Fauquier County woman died today after her car crashed into an oncoming school bus.

NEWS 4 July 3 - An observation tower overlooking the Civil War battlefield in Gettysburg, PA has been demolished as a part of a National Park Service campaign to remove modern structures and return the battlefield to the way it originally looked.

NEWS 4 July 6 - Amtrak has announced a satisfaction guarantee or people will get their money back

NEWS 4 July 6 - A new report on the plane crash that killed John F. Kennedy junior blames pilot error.

NEWS 4 July 6 - Simon Pettibone hit an Isuzu, which overturned and landed on a Honda. The driver of the Isuzu was killed. He has been charged with reckless driving

NEWS 4 July 10 - Another report of smoke stalled service on the Metro orange line.